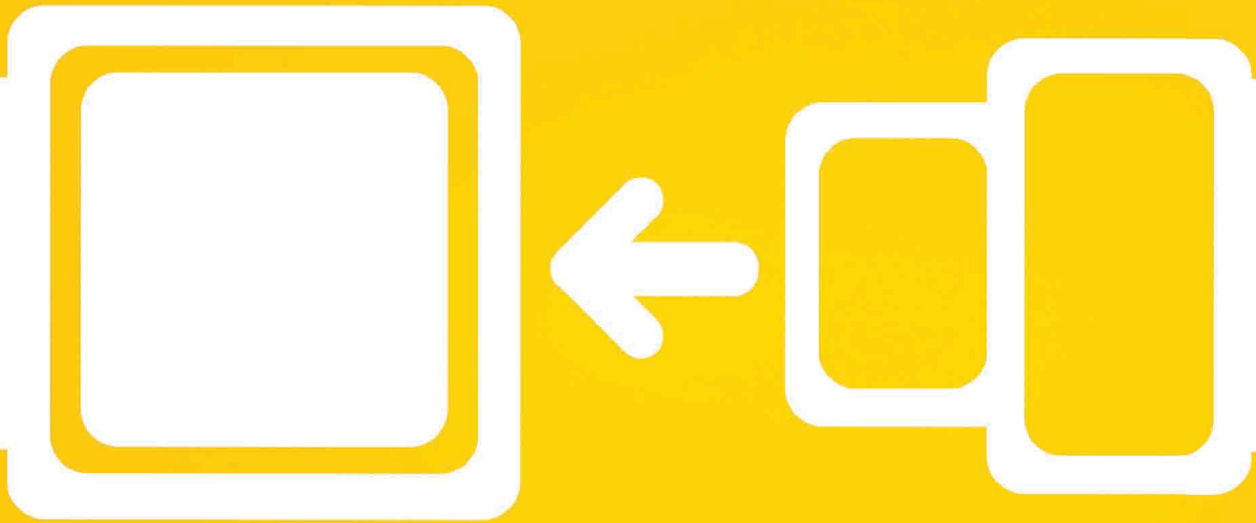


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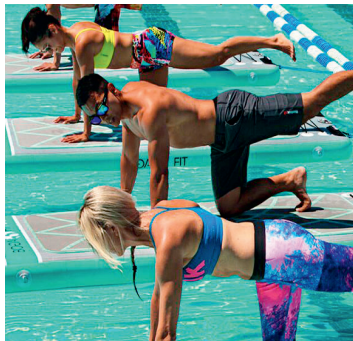
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Holly Sands
Editor-in-Chief



They're coming, and they're ready to leave a trail of sandy boardshorts, bikinis and flip-flops in their wake. While the groaning suitcases of your beloved (ahem) houseguests take over your living room, don't let the red mist take over your being. We've got plenty of ways to get them out of the house. And you, apparently, have a bit of laundry to do... Hang on, is someone having a bonfire?

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Bombastic brunches and creepy pub quizzes

From two-for-one Friday feasts to a special Halloween edition of our Big Fat Pub Quiz, there are loads of ways to win cash prizes with *Time Out Dubai* over the next few weeks – and right through to the end of the year. Better get booking.

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City life



Time Out's Big Fat Haunted Halloween Quiz at Café Artois

FANCY GETTING YOUR fangs into a free meal? Or getting your claws around Dhs3,000 in cash? *Time Out Dubai's* Big Fat Pub Quiz is back, this time for a special Haunted Halloween edition.

Taking place on Wednesday October 31, don your finest fancy dress and get involved in a warts-and-all pub quiz at JW Marriott Marquis Dubai's Café Artois, on the banks of Dubai Water Canal.

If your idea of a monstrous Halloween is trying to dance around your handbag in a nightclub packed with sweaty zombie brides, then a fun night of tricky pub quiz trivia should be on the cards.

Eight rounds will test you in a variety of different ways, whether that's on local

knowledge, your musical ear or your artistic abilities – all with a distinctly spooky twist.

This isn't your ordinary pub quiz, because where else could you bag yourself an eye-watering Dhs3,000 in cool, hard cash?

While everyone will want a shot at the jackpot, we'll be giving away a whole range of different prizes (including a spot prize for the best fancy dress), with winners at our previous pub quizzes taking home everything from free brunches and hotel stays to gig tickets.

There will also be deals on drinks and bar bites throughout the night, to ensure a night of monstrously good fun and good value.

The quiz is totally free to enter, but be warned – our previous four pub quizzes so far this year have booked up weeks in advance. Make sure you call ahead to book a table to avoid being turned away at the door. → Free to enter. Reservations highly recommended. Wednesday October 31, doors open 6pm, quiz starts 8pm. Café Artois @ Bridgewater, JW Marriott Marquis Dubai, Business Bay (04 414 3000).

**"You
could bag
Dhs3,000
in cash"**

New Aloft opens

EXPO 2020'S FIRST major hotel opening is happening in the next couple of months, as we get ever-closer to the arrival of the biggest event in the emirate's history.

Aloft Dubai South sticks to the chain's trendy design throughout, with arty vibes, pool tables, bright colours and generally stylish vibes.

There are 145 loft-themed rooms in the hotel, – plus a bunch of open spaces designed for “music, design and tech enthusiasts”, and the latest tunes being pumped out at the hotel's WXYZ bar.

We know where we'll be staying for Expo 2020.

→ Coming soon. Al Maktoum International Airport, Dubai South, www.aloft-hotels.marriott.com.



Guetta load of this

Megastar DJ David Guetta is heading to Dubai – and it's going to be an absolutely epic night.

He's playing at BASE Dubai on Thursday October 25 following the outdoor super-club's recent reopening for the winter season.

Prices are yet to be confirmed, but we do know that ladies will be getting complimentary drinks until midnight for the massive gig.

→ Free drinks for ladies until midnight. Thu Oct 25. 10pm-4am. d3, Ras Al Khor Road (055 313 4999).



Promotional feature

Climb aboard the Taj Express at Dubai Opera



Bollywood musical *Taj Express* is coming to Dubai Opera – and with last-minute tickets **from just Dhs95**, it's the perfect time to catch this all-singing, all-dancing musical spectacular. The show features blockbuster hits by the likes of A.R. Rahman as well as sensational dance scenes from top Bollywood choreographers.

Immerse yourself in the heart of contemporary Bollywood in a way that you have never experienced before by seeing the show in Dubai from Tuesday October 16 to Saturday October 20.

Taj Express follows the story of one man's passion and another man's genius.

Young composer Shankar struggles with his music, and it's only when he begins to follow in the footsteps of his idol that he discovers his path to success.

The production reveals the secrets of the world's most prolific film industry and the people behind the screen who make the magic in India's factory of dreams.

Taj Express rhythmically blends explosive dance with the hits of India's most iconic composers

and is brought to life by the stars of Bollywood cinema and its greatest musicians performing live on stage.

With a cast of multi-talented performers, *Taj Express* is an uplifting show full of colour, high-energy music and sensational dance scenes choreographed

by one of Bollywood's Vaibhavi Merchant and directed by Shruti Merchant.

She aims to immerse the audiences in the heart of contemporary Bollywood in a way that's never been seen before.

Through a fusion of film, dance and music, audiences will be wrapped up in the effervescent colours, awe-inspiring spectacle and captivated by the energy of the world's most multifarious showbiz industry.

So buy a ticket now and climb aboard the *Taj Express* because this is going to be one of the shows of the year.

→ From Dhs95. 8pm, Tue Oct 16-Sat Oct 20. 3pm matinées on Fri Oct 19 and Sat Oct 20. Downtown Dubai.

Tickets available at www.dubaiopera.com.

WE SAID

YOU SAID

What are crumpets?

The last words spoken by *Time Out Abu Dhabi*'s Digital Editor Sean-Paul Doran on a visit to the *Time Out Dubai* office, before being banished back to the capital

How long is a second?

Digital Editor Scott Campbell struggles with the fundamental concept of time (*Time Out Dubai* Podcast Episode 29)

I would pay good money in a restaurant for this

A not-so-humble brag from *Time Out DXB* Editor Dean "Interesting Dean" Wilkins after tasting his homemade samosa (*Time Out Vlogs'* Arabic cooking episode)

Cheap, you can look like a scruff, and the food is mint

News & Features Editor Emma Pearson explains her love for casual eating and drinking (*Time Out Dubai* Podcast Episode 27)

Again.....

The Love Is (apparently) Gone for one Facebook follower commenting on David Guetta's Dubai return

I just got lipstick on my shirt trying to smell my armpit

Overheard at brunch.

Full stops make me nervous

One anxious brunchgoer (.)

I love the small cucumbers they have in Dubai, we don't have that in the UK

It's the little things, for some Facebook commenters on news of Dubai's October 10 cucumber/drink swap day

She cheats at yoga

Overheard at brunch.
Is nothing sacred?



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Watch Time Out Vlogs now youtube.com/timeoutdubai

Promotional feature



Celebrate World Pasta Day in Dubai

Everyone's favourite Italian dish is having a week-long celebration in eight restaurants throughout the city

As the great Italian director Federico Fellini once said, "life is a combination of magic and pasta". The city of Dubai couldn't agree more, especially on World Pasta Day. Taking place on Thursday October 25, lovers of the iconic Italian dish throughout the city can celebrate the 20th anniversary of World Pasta Day for the first time in Dubai, thanks to the International Pasta Organisation, AIDEPI and the Italian Trade Agency (ITA).

The huge event will feature a full day debate with nutritionists, dieticians, and internationally renowned Italian chefs, all showcasing the quality and the nutritional goodness of pasta.

Pique your Italian interest? You can register at 2018.worldpastaday.org, with the event taking place at the International Centre for Culinary Arts Dubai from 8.30am until 4pm.

One day to celebrate all things pasta just

isn't enough, which is why eight selected Italian restaurants will be offering a special menu of pasta dishes to all lovers of the dish, until Thursday November 1. Guests at each venue also receive a complimentary pasta sample to cook at home, along with three delicious recipes from talented Italian chefs.

What kind of recipes can you expect? They will be from some of the best suppliers from around the world – made with high-quality Italian ingredients. Expect recipes from Pasta Berruto, Pastificio Fabianelli, Rustichella d'Abruzzo, Divella, Pastificio Di Martino and La Molisana. With these kinds of brands on the table, this week of pasta will be unforgettable.

Take your pick from the list of featured restaurants, and prepare to say "delizioso!" with each bite.

→ To find out more head to 2018.worldpastaday.org

BiCE Ristorante

→ Open daily 12.30pm-3.30pm and 7pm-11.30pm.
Hilton Dubai Jumeirah, The Walk, JBR
(04 318 2520).

Gusto Italian Restaurant

→ Open Sun-Sat 5pm-11pm. Al Bandar Rotana, Deira (04 704 2336).

Matto Italian Restaurant

→ Open daily noon-midnight. The Oberoi Dubai, Business Bay (04 444 1335).

Prego's

→ Open daily noon-3.30pm and 6pm-11.30pm.
Media Rotana Hotel, Barsha Heights (04 435 0000).

Quattro Passi Ristorante

→ Open daily 12.30pm-3.30pm and 7pm-11.30pm.
FIVE Palm Jumeirah Dubai (04 455 9989).

Ronda Locatelli

→ Open Sat-Tue noon-4.30pm and 6pm-10.30pm;
Thu-Fri noon-4.30pm and 6pm-11pm. Atlantis The Palm, Palm Jumeirah (04 426 2626).

Trattoria Toscana

→ Open daily noon-11.45pm. Souk Madinat Jumeirah, Umm Suqeim (04 366 6318).

Vivaldi by Alfredo Russo

→ Open daily noon-3pm and 7pm-11pm. Sheraton Dubai Creek & Towers, Deira (04 207 1717).



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 - Subject to availability.
- Valid until November 30, 2018.

Be sure to present this voucher on arrival.

ON THE POD

OUR WAISTBANDS ARE stretched to full capacity and our diets have been frankly obscene.

On this week's podcast, Head of Video Content Tim Skinner tells us about the gruelling 6-in-4 weightloss challenge rolling out across Dubai, which causes News & Features Editor Emma Pearson and Digital Editor Scott Campbell consider their exercise regimes (or lack thereof).

What we lack in athleticism, however, we make up for in information, and you can tune in to hear about free fitness classes, obstacle courses and food delivery across the city in preparation for Dubai Fitness Challenge.

→ Subscribe now at soundcloud.com/timeoutdubai or downloads from the Apple iTunes store.

On the 'Tube



AERIAL SILK AND HOOP CLASSES IN DUBAI

Aerial Hoop

In this week's vlog the team head to Pole Fit Dubai Aerial Arts Academy, where they fall head over heels (literally) when they have a bash at aerial hoop and aerial silks. Head to our YouTube channel to see how the team got on, and to be in with a chance of winning a session.

→ youtube.com/timeoutdubai



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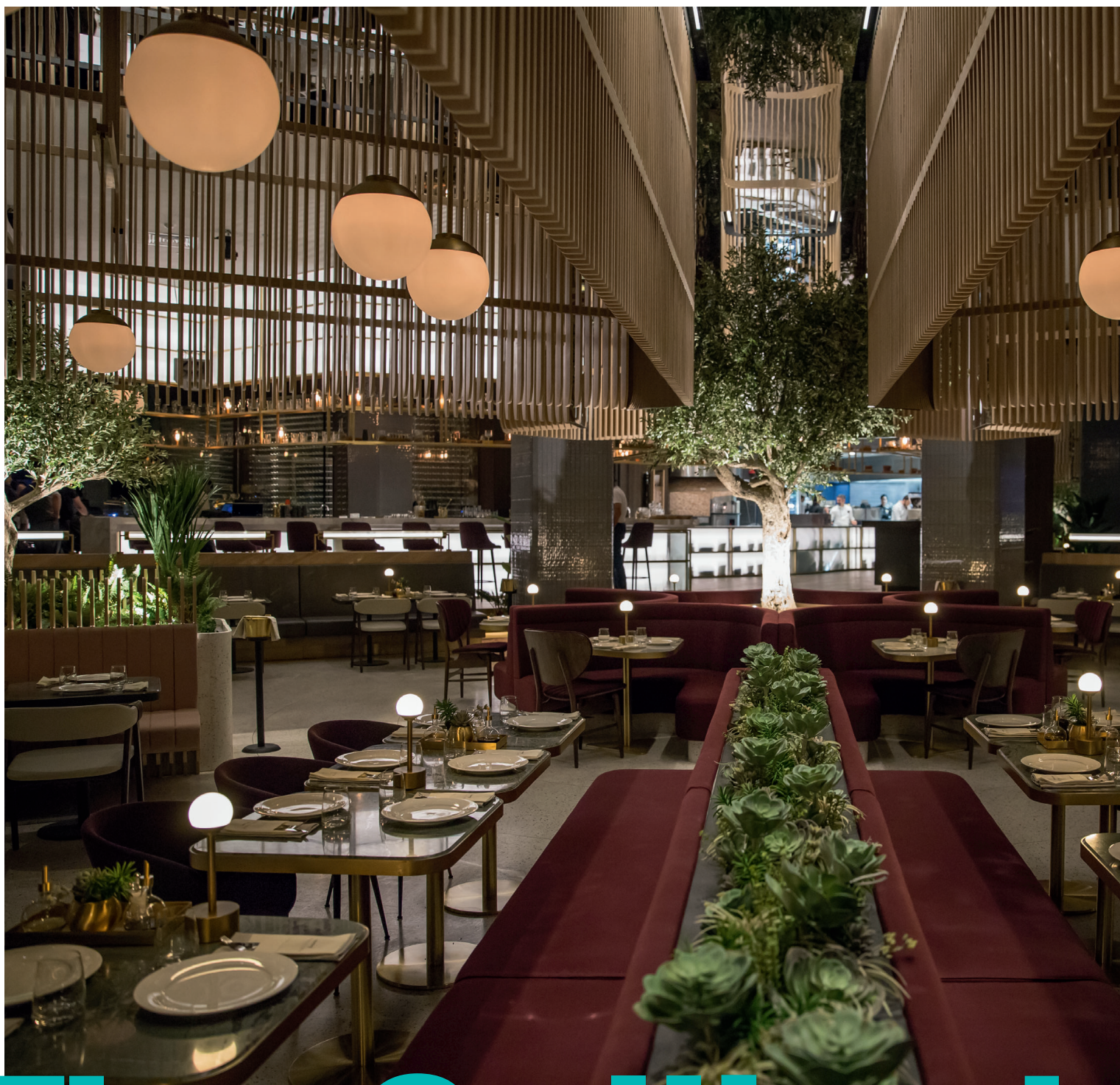
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Sat 27 October | 6pm

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The Galliard

opens in Address Downtown

Expect world-class contemporary Turkish fusion
cuisine, with all-singing, all-dancing service

Promotional feature



A new Turkish restaurant is now open in Downtown Dubai, and you'll be able to get your toes tapping as you feast.

The Galliard has made its way over to the Address Downtown with dancing waiters, live entertainment and flamboyant, theatrical service.

The restaurant will be officially swinging open its doors on Thursday October 25 with a special performance from international recording artist (and trained Cordon Bleu chef), Kelis. And her milkshake brings all the chefs to the yard, including a mystery celebrity culinarian, who will be whipping up the restaurant's signature Turkish delicacies, with the influence of Italian, French and Spanish cuisine.

Signature dishes include a rustic "leg and neck" Turkish soup, poured over sizzling meat on a marble hot plate, raw meatballs *cig kofte*, *cigborek*, *tantuni* and *manti*, with mains such as lamb shank, organic chicken, salt-crusted sea bass and *iskender kebab*.

Promotional feature



The Galliard will open in the former spot held by Calabar, featuring a bustling open kitchen, an extensive grape cellar, a sophisticated bar and an open-air terrace with stunning views of Downtown Dubai and the Burj Khalifa.

On arrival you'll find yourself at the mouth of an intriguing passageway, adorned with artwork from Turkish artist, Haydar Ekinek, before wandering down into a stylish dining room incorporating light woods, verdant greenery and flashes of gold. And perhaps best of all, you can expect chefs and waiters to break into song and dance at any moment.

"Inspired by my Turkish roots and my travels abroad, I am delighted to introduce our multisensory concept – The GALLIARD – to the appreciative and multicultural people of Dubai, at an iconic location in the heart of the city," said founding partner, Ahmet Uras.

"We pride ourselves on our excellent service, famed Turkish hospitality and unparalleled representation of Turkish cuisine, which is detailed yet delicate and fuss-free.

"I am so thrilled to share my passion for fusion food with our innovative twists with Dubai. We look forward to welcoming everyone from diners, connoisseurs and dancers to experience the unique rhythm of The Galliard." It's time to get booking.

→ Opening Thu Oct 25. Address Downtown, Downtown Dubai (052 489 9982).



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18 WAYS TO

Enjoy your week in the city

From live international music acts to triathalons, comedy and an evening with Super Mario

TOP PICK

Basement Jaxx

Red Alert, Red Alert! Basement Jaxx are in Dubai this week.

Zero Gravity, *Time Out Dubai's* current Beach Club of the Year, has signed the British act to play post-brunch on Friday, October 19. So, where's your head at? Zero Gravity, no doubt...

→ Tickets from Dhs75. Fri Oct 19, 5pm. Zero Gravity, Skydive Dubai Drop Zone, Dubai Marina, www.0-gravity.ae (04 399 0009).



Thursday

BOARD THE VENGABUS Vengaboys at Zero Gravity

Oh, we're going to Ibiza. Well, not quite – but the Vengaboys are coming to Dubai and it's going to be the ultimate '90s throwback. The band have sold an estimated 25 million record worldwide, and are best known for hits including Boom, Boom, Boom, Boom and We Like To Party. Now they're taking to the stage of Zero Gravity for a night of bubblegum pop.

→ From Dhs75. Thu Oct 18. Zero Gravity, Dubai Marina, 0-gravity.ae (04 399 0009).



Wednesday

GROOVE YOUR SOCKS OFF Solo for the Soul at Raffles Dubai

If there's anything we like better than jamming out to a bit of soul music, it's with eyes closed, while cramming buffalo mozzarella into our open mouths. Soul singer Nya Crea delivers the music and Solo restaurant delivers the buffalo mozzarella (on crisp bruschetta, no less) during this soirée at Raffles Dubai, and there's plenty more food to follow that cheese.

→ Dhs200 (soft drinks), Dhs350 (house beverages). Wed 8pm-11pm. Ongoing. Raffles Dubai, Oud Metha (04 324 8888).

PARTY WITH MARIO AND LUIGI Brunchzilla at Miss Tess

Expect acrobatics, animated characters on bicycles and flying ninjas as you make your way into this quirky Asian street food restaurant on a Wednesday night. If you manage to make it to the table with all your teeth intact, you can enjoy endless sushi, bottomless noodles and a spread of desserts for Dhs288 (with unlimited mixed drinks). It's wacky and we love it.

→ Dhs228 (soft drinks), Dhs288 (house drinks). Wed 8pm-11pm. Ongoing. Taj Dubai, Business Bay (050 650 4988).



Taj Express

All aboard! Taj Express is bringing a celebration of Bollywood to the Dubai Opera stage, so be prepared for plenty of Jai Ho. We can't wait for a bit of an in-seat shimmy.

→ From Dhs200. Tue Oct 16-Sat Oct 20. Dubai Opera, Downtown Dubai, www.dubaiopera.com.

GET LOW Lil Jon at BASE

Internationally renowned DJ Lil Jon is taking to the BASE Dubai stage for one night only as part of the club's new weekly event, LYFE, which sees a different act perform every week. It's a lively one, so limber up to throw some shapes on the dancefloor.

→ Open Thu-Fri 10pm-4am. d3, Ras Al Khor Road (055 313 4999).

MIX IT UP Hollaphonic at Cielo Sky Lounge

British DJ duo Hollaphonic will be firing up the ones and twos for a bop about under the stars at Cielo Sky Lounge's post summer reopening party tonight. Ladies get free grape-based beverages.

→ Thu Oct 18, 6pm-3am. Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club, Deira (04 416 1800).

Friday



Brunch Club

Dig into the best of British grub at the London Social Brunch, as well as having the chance to spin the Meal of Fortune and bag some amazing prizes. Book “*Time Out Dubai Brunch Club*” and you’ll get a free upgrade to a house beverage package, saving you Dhs100. No-one loves a bargain like the British.

→ Dhs395 (house drinks). Fri Oct 19, 1pm-4pm. The Ritz-Carlton Dubai, JBR (04 318 6150).

Saturday

WORK UP A SWEAT

The Hilton Tower Race at The Hilton Dubai Jumeirah

Raise money for charity while testing your physical prowess with a clamber up 730 steps (36 floors) – at top speed. The event is raising money for the Rashid Centre For Disabled, and you can play your part.

→ Sat Oct 20, 7.30am. Hilton Dubai Jumeirah, JBR, www.premieronline.com.

GET TOE-TAPPING

See The Greatest Showman at Urban Outdoor Cinema

This is the greatest show – allegedly anyway. *The Greatest Showman* is the first in the new line-up at this licensed event. We can’t wait to see Hugh Jackman belting them out (yet again).

→ Dhs75. Sat Oct 20, 7pm. Habtoor Grand Resort, Autograph Collection, Dubai Marina (122 365 4897).

DIG OUT THE FANCY DRESS

Visit a Venetian festival

There’s a Venetian festival coming to City Walk, in partnership with *Time Out Dubai*, and you don’t want to miss it. The fun-packed event, which takes place over the next three weekends, will see performers parade every Thursday to Saturday from 5.30pm until 9.30pm featuring a string trio, an Italian classical singer and an accordion player.

→ Thu Oct 18-Sat Nov 3. City Walk, Al Safa Street, www.citywalk.ae.

HAVE A LAUGH

Mario Rosenstock at McGettigan’s JLT

Fancy a few LOLs? Award-winning Irish comedian and satirist Mario Rosenstock is heading to The Baggot at McGettigan’s JLT for a night of laughs at the expense of Roy Keane, Ronan Keating and Colin Farrel, among others. We love it when someone else is the butt of the jokes.

→ From Dhs120. Oct 19, 8pm (doors open), 9.30pm (show starts). McGettigan’s JLT, Bonnington Jumeirah Lakes Towers, Cluster J (04 356 0470).



Sunday

LAUGH YOUR BACK OFF Irish comedy night at Fibber Magee's

Fibber Magee's is holding a comedy night – with a *Father Ted* star on the line-up. Joe Rooney (Father Damo) will be joined by musical duo Totally Wired.

→ Free. 8pm (doors 7.30pm). Sun Oct 21. Saeed Tower One, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 332 2400).

GET SCRANNING Breakfast at Cocoa Kitchen

Love chocolate? Well now you can start the day with it. Cocoa Kitchen's breakfast menu includes a "cocoa chocolate experience" and you can get a set morning meal for two for Dhs195.

→ Dhs195 (for two). Daily 10am-noon. Ongoing. City Walk, Al Safa Street (04 343 2506).



Tuesday

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY Ladies night at Armani/Privé

Tuesday is Rhythm night at Armani/Privé, with a mix of reggaeton and Latin pop. Lose yourself to the beats and get low in the manner of Jennifer Lopez (or give it a try anyway). Be there before midnight and you'll get a wristband for unlimited drinks, or two free drinks if you arrive a bit later. Dress up for this one, it's guaranteed to be a classy affair – there's no Jenny from the Block allowed here.

→ Free. Tue midnight-3am. Armani Hotel, Burj Khalifa, Downtown Dubai (04 888 3308)

Dinner show

Enjoy a sharing menu of signature dishes from chef Reif Othman, as well as a bottle of grape and the live shows at cool nightspot Billionaire Mansion. Make sure you get dolled up for this one.

→ Dhs395 (per person). Tue-Sun 8pm-10.30pm. Ongoing. Taj Dubai, Business Bay (04 510 3100).



Monday



Lunch at Crab Market

Take a break from the office and take out your frustrations on a big bowl of crab. Lunch at this restaurant in DIFC includes spaghetti alla vongole, soft shell crab and burrata ravioli.

→ Dhs95 (two courses and a drink). Sun-Thu noon-4pm. Ongoing. Emirates Financial Towers, DIFC (04 564 55 25).

TOSS YOUR IPAD Digital Detox at Steigenberger Hotel

Kiss goodbye to all your portals to the digital world for a few hours of tech-free exercise and pampering including a squash session and a full-body detox treatment.

→ Dhs495. Open daily 10am-10pm (The Spa). Steigenberger Hotel Business Bay, Business Bay (04 369 0045).



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Emma Pearson scopes out the best places to take your guests



Your mates are visiting and the pressure is on to show them a good time. You've been incessantly bragging on Instagram with your #sunset #infinitypool #dubai escapades and expectations are high, but where to start? We've compiled a list of all the best places to take your pals, whether they're into history, shopping, eating or partying, and we've even dug out a list of free activities – because there's always a stingy one in the group. Let the tour commence.

Culture

Catch a show at Dubai Opera

Whether you're after some vibrant Bollywood dancing or a serene night swaying to Tchaikovsky and Swan Lake, Dubai Opera is the place to visit for a night that you won't forget. The multi-format venue hosts opera, theatre, concerts, art exhibitions, orchestra, film, sports events, and seasonal programmes, and the building itself is an architectural marvel. Take your guests here for a classy night out that they won't forget.

→ Downtown Dubai, www.dubaiopera.com.

Go back in time at Dubai Creek

Head to the old town and embrace Dubai's

past with a sail across Dubai Creek. Abras cross the water every few minutes and will cost you just Dh1. It's a short trip to the other side but it's a memorable one.

→ Dh1. Dubai Creek.

Go shopping at Dubai souks

Retail therapy in Dubai doesn't necessarily mean heading to one of the (many) sprawling malls. For a more traditional experience, head down to one of the many souks lining either side of Dubai Creek. The Gold Souk has hundreds of retailers offering a selection of jewellery, diamonds and other precious stones, while the Textile Souk has a wonderful selection of colourful fabrics. Brush up on your bartering skills to really impress your guests by bagging some super bargains.

→ Dubai Creek, Deira.

Have your mind blown at the Museum of Illusions

Strolling through Dubai's museums filled with art, culture and history can be an enriching experience, but how about one that will have you puzzling over which way is up? The Museum of Illusions has opened its doors for the first time in the UAE, to trick the minds of all who walk through it. Setting up shop over in Al Seef near Dubai Creek, the building houses 80 different exhibits that will boggle the mind.

→ Open Wed Sep 12. Bur Dubai, Al Seef, www.museumofillusions.com.

TOP DEALS

Taco Tuesday at Trophy Room

Every Tuesday you can buy one taco and get two free at Trophy Room.

Take your pick from grilled fish or chicken, add on your choice of toppings. The best bit? It's just Dhs27 per taco.

The other best bit? It runs all day, every Tuesday.

→ Dhs27. Tue noon-2am. Ongoing. Fairmont Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 311 8316).

Dhs10 Drinks at Bar Baar

Every Tuesday, drinks are just Dhs10 for eight hours between 7pm and 3am as part of Wholesale Night at Bar Baar in Bur Dubai, where music is spun by the resident DJ.

→ Dhs27. Tue noon-3am. Ongoing. Majestic Hotel Tower Dubai, Bur Dubai (04 359 8888).

Curry night at The Scene

Get down to The Scene for a steaming hot bowl of molten spice that will put some hairs on your chest. Options include prawn or chicken tikka masala, lamb rogan josh or roasted cauliflower katsu and a bottle of Indian hops for Dhs99 (or Dhs104 with a cheeky onion bhaji on the side). You'll also get half a portion of rice, half a portion of chips and a crispy poppadum with mango chutney.

→ Dhs99, Dhs104 (with onion bhaji). Mon 5pm-2am. Pier 7, Dubai Marina (04 422 2328).

Sushi Saturdays at Asia Asia

If you have fish-loving friends, dig into unlimited sushi and dim sum, with a side of Marina views at Asia Asia. Order up some platters of sushi (maki rolls, nigiri et al) and tasty dim sum (we recommend the chilli chicken ones) and wash it all down with a bottle of grape for just Dhs329 for two.

→ Dhs329. Sat 2pm-7pm. Ongoing. Pier 7, Dubai Marina (04 276 5900).

Roast at Crown & Lion

This old-school English pub in Barsha Heights has a range of deals throughout the week, including a bargainous weekend roast. Every week you'll get a traditional roast – with lashings of gravy and all of the trimmings – for just Dhs68. There's a happy hour from 6pm until 8pm, too, if you needed any more reasons to visit.

→ Dhs68. Sat-Sun 11am-3am. Byblos Hotel, Barsha Heights (04 448 8000).



Meet the sloths at The Green Planet

Kids in your party? Or just a grown-up geography geek? The city's bio-dome at City Walk realistically mimics the rainforest environment by regulating temperature and humidity levels, and it's home to an impressive assortment of 3,000 living species, including resident sloth, Liam. There's also a bat cave to explore if you dare.

→ Dhs99 (adults), Dhs74 (kids aged three-11), free (kids under three). Open Sat-Wed 10am-7pm, Thu-Fri 10am-8pm. City Walk, Al Safa Street, www.thegreenplanetdubai.com (04 317 3999).

See old and new at Dubai Frame

Dubai's newest landmark allows visitors to see the city's past, present and future in a one-hour tour with unique views of "old" and "new" Dubai from a 150-metre-high sky glass bridge. Also known as Berwaz Dubai, the Frame comprises two towers measuring 150 metres in height and connected by the 93-metre long bridge at the top.

→ From Dhs20 (kids), Dhs50 (adults) free (kids under three, adults over 60 and people of determination). Open daily 10am-7pm. Zabeel Park, www.thedubaiframe.com.

Take a trip to Dubai Museum

History buffs, take a trip inside the walls of Al Fahidi Fort as it's a brilliant tribute to the city's past. The historic building is home to a wide variety of life-size dioramas that depict Emirati life from a bygone era. Soak in the heritage as you take a tour through traditional scenes of Arab households and mosques offering unique insights into life in the desert.

→ Dhs3 (adults), Dhs1 (kids under six). Open Sat-Thu 8.30am-8.30pm, Fri 2.30pm-8.30pm, Fri 2.30pm-8.30pm. Al Fahidi Historical District, Bur Dubai (04 353 1862).



The great outdoors

Dally along the sands at La Mer

If you have a penchant for top grub by the beach, surfside shopping or lazing the day away on the sands then you can't really go wrong at La Mer. The sprawling new development features more than 130 restaurants and shops, plus a waterpark.

→ Free. Open Sun-Wed, 10am-10pm (retail), 10am-midnight (restaurants); Thu-Fri, 10am-midnight (retail), 10am-midnight (restaurants). La Mer, Jumeriah 1 (800 637 227).

Fly with XLine

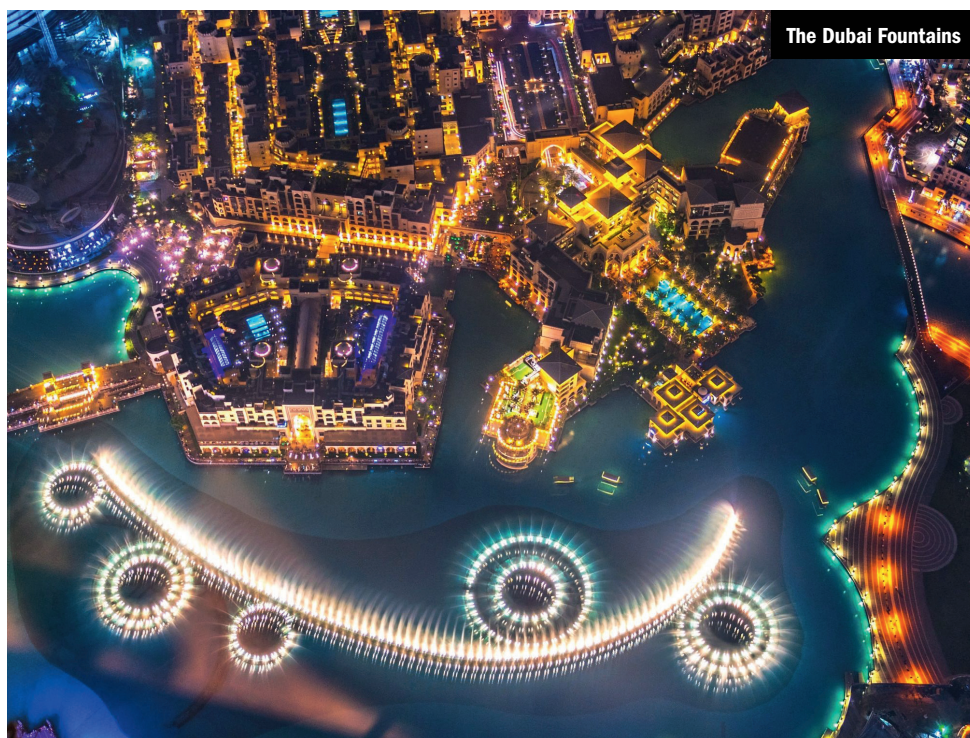
Fancy seeing Dubai from above? XLine zip line offers thrill seekers the chance to zoom over Dubai Marina at speeds of up to 80 kilometres per hour at an incline of 16 degrees, headfirst in true Superman style. It's one of the best ways to see the city (although also one of the priciest).

→ From Dh550. Open daily 9am-5pm. Dubai Marina, www.xdubai.com/xline.

Stretch your legs at Al Seef

Found upon the shores of the Bur Dubai side of Dubai Creek, the Creek front development is packed with shops and restaurants. Al Seef is an area of Dubai steeped in history, with a huge amount of Emirati culture. This latest attraction leans heavily on the contemporary elements of life in Dubai in 2018, but in equal measure reflects and pays homage to the city.

→ Free. Open daily 10am-midnight. Al Seef, Bur Dubai, www.alseef.ae.



The Dubai Fountains

Take the leap at Skydive Dubai

Ever fancied jumping out of a plane at speeds of 120mph over a man-made island? Well you can in Dubai. SkyDive Dubai offers all the thrills of freefall with views of the city like you've never imagined. One for the braver visitors in your party.

→ Dh1,699 (tandem skydive). Skydive Dubai, Dubai Marina, www.skydiveduabi.ae.



Al Seef

Sights & attractions

Crane your neck at the Burj Khalifa

It's the tallest building in the world with a staggering 160 floors and looming at 828 metres high. It opened in January 2010 after six years of construction and is Dubai's most iconic landmark. While there you can go up to the 148th floor and marvel at views of the city or stop off on the 122nd floor at the world's highest restaurant, At.mosphere, for breakfast, dinner or afternoon tea.

→ Burj Khalifa, Downtown Dubai, www.burjkhalifa.ae.

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Dance along to The Dubai Fountain

Even the most hardened of Dubai dwellers can't help but marvel at the dancing waters, so think how visitors feel. The Dubai Fountain is more than 900ft in length and shoots water into the air to a range of different songs, from classical music to contemporary Arabia tracks and modern Western pop songs. It's a spectacular show and one that's always a massive hit.

→ The Dubai Mall: Open daily 10am-midnight.

Downtown Dubai (800 382246255). Dubai Fountain shows: Free. Sat-Thu 1pm & 1.30pm, Fri 1.30pm and 2pm, daily 6pm-11pm (every 30 mins).

Get lost in The Dubai Mall

Even if you haven't the dirhams to indulge in a spot of retail therapy, the world's biggest mall still has plenty you can do and see. It's home to The Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo, where you can marvel at 300 sharks and countless species of fish completely free from the outside of the tank, as well as Dubai Ice Rink where you can learn to skate.

→ The Dubai Mall: Open daily 10am-midnight.

Downtown Dubai (800 382246255).

Marvel at the stunning Burj Al Arab Jumeirah

World-famous hotel, Burj Al Arab Jumeirah, is one of the most iconic buildings in the Middle East, if not the planet. The sail-shaped structure is one of a kind and the hotel is synonymous with luxury. Head to Skyview Bar or Golf on 27 for inventive mixed drinks with a view, or visit Scape Restaurant and Lounge for a gorgeous outdoor terrace. Don't forget to take some snaps.

→ Burj Al Arab, Umm Suqeim (04 301 7777).

See the whole world in one day at Global Village

More than 70 countries are represented with themed stalls, shows, presentations and attractions at what has grown to become a global-themed part-funfair, part-cultural festival and part-market. There are more than 100 themed kiosks offering street food from around the world, while the huge main stage hosts performances every weekend.

→ Nov-Apr, 4pm-midnight (Sun-Thu), 4pm-1am (Fri-Sat).

Global Village, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Road, www.globalvillage.ae.

Step into the past with a trip to Souk Madinat Jumeirah

This modern day souk allows you to experience ancient Arabia in today's Dubai. It has three kilometres of waterways and it's surrounded by lush gardens, with plenty of top-class restaurants, bars, shops and even a theatre on site. With traditional market-style corridors, three opulent hotels and a quaint abra service connecting it all, you can easily while away the hours here.

→ Open daily 10am-11pm, Souk Madinat Jumeirah, Umm Suqeim (04 366 8888).



Madinat Jumeirah

Theme parks and water parks

Make a splash at Laguna Waterpark

This family-friendly waterpark is found at the happening beachside destination of La Mer. It's also the only place in the Middle East where you'll find a full, 180-degree wave

machine. Master the waves either surfing or bodyboarding, on what is only the third wave machine of its kind in the world.

→ Dhs99. Open daily 10am-8pm. La Mer Central, Jumeirah 1, www.lagunawaterpark.com.

Meet the dinosaurs at IMG Worlds of Adventure

The 1.5-million-square-foot IMG Worlds of Adventure is the biggest indoor theme park on the planet, and it's home to some pretty epic



IMG Worlds of Adventure



“Get your wildlife fix and a moment of peace outdoors”

rides. Highlights of the park include the high-speed Velociraptor roller coaster in the Lost Valley Dinosaur Adventure Zone, which reaches 100kph in 2.5 seconds. Also housed in this zone – which is home to 69 animatronic dinosaurs – is the gravity-defying Predator, featuring a 35-metre “beyond vertical” drop. Gulp.

→ Dhs257 (adults), Dhs236 (kids under 1.2m), free (kids under 1.05m). Open daily 10am-10pm. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Road, www.imgworlds.com (04 403 8888).

Seek some thrills at Dubai Parks And Resorts

Dubai Parks And Resorts is a massive 25 million square feet and is the UAE's largest multi-themed leisure and entertainment destination. You can head to motiongate Dubai, which features 27 rides and attractions themed on movies, or Bollywood Parks for an Indian themed adventure. There's also Riverland waterside district and LEGOLAND – the world's seventh – with more than 60 rides, water slides and attractions.

→ Bollywood Parks: Dhs195 (adults and kids) Dhs170 (residents) free for children under three. Open daily 3pm-11pm. Dubai Parks and Resorts, Jebel Ali (800 2629464). LEGOLAND: From Dhs235 (adults), free for children under three. Open daily noon-8pm. Dubai Parks and Resorts, Jebel Ali (04 820 0000). motiongate: Dhs235 (day ticket) Dhs165 (residents). Open daily 11am-8pm. Dubai Parks And Resorts, Jebel Ali (800 2629464).

Splash underwater at Aquaventure and Atlantis The Palm

Atlantis The Palm has loads of award-winning



Laguna Waterpark

restaurants from Nobu to Gordon Ramsay's Bread Street Kitchen and a huge aquarium – The Lost Chambers. Pay a visit to the Aquaventure Waterpark, swim with dolphins or feed some stingrays. If you're feeling brave, you can even try the record-breaking Leap of Faith slide, which hurtles you through a glass tunnel surrounded by sharks.

→ Aquaventure: From Dhs195 (adults, residents), Dhs170 (kids less than 1.2m tall, residents), free (kids under two). Open daily 10am-6pm. Atlantis The Palm, Palm Jumeirah (04 426 0000).

Take the plunge at Wild Wadi

Head for heights? The waterpark's main attraction, Jumeirah Sceirah, has two 32 metre-high tandem slides which will see you plummet at a speed of 80km per hour. In

total there are 30 rides and attractions for the whole family to enjoy, whether you're a fan of the hair-raising, or prefer something a little more relaxing, like bobbing around in a ring.

→ Dhs270 (adults), Dhs220 (children under 1.1m). Open Sun-Thurs 10am-7pm, Fri 10am-10pm. Jumeirah Beach Hotel, Umm Suqeim (04 348 4444).

Visit another world at VR Park

The virtual reality theme park at The Dubai Mall has 18 attractions, some of which have multiple games inside, taking you to distant planets, the distant future and the not-too distant world of a fully-virtualised Dubai. It's a fun place to go with friends, especially if you decide to take on The Walking Dead game that sees you having to shoot your way out of the show's famous hospital to safety.

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Alserkal Avenue



Al Fahidi



→ Free entry, games from Dhs15. Open Sun-Wed 10am-11pm; Thu-Sat 10am-1am. The Dubai Mall, Downtown Dubai, www.vrpark.com.

Free things to do

Become one with nature at Ras Al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary

If you have animal fans in tow, Ras Al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary is home to wetlands featuring salt flats, mangroves and lagoons. Flamingos are the area's stars, although more than 60 species of bird and 500 species of flora and fauna can be spotted here. To

get your wildlife fix and a moment of peace outdoors, it really can't be beaten, especially if you're being thrifty.

→ Free. Open Sat-Thu 9am-4pm. Ras Al Khor Road (04 426 6822).

Catch a race at Meydan

Fancy at day at the gee-gees without forking out a fortune? Dubai Racing Club offers free general admission to a limited section within the Meydan Grandstand with a large number of seats available – and with great views too. Racing kicks off on Thursday November 22 so make a date in your diary for a fun night out.

→ Thu 6.30pm & Sat 4pm until Fri April 12. Meydan Racecourse, Nad Al Sheba, www.dubairacingclub.com (04 327 2110).

Get arty at Alserkal Avenue

Dubai isn't all about brunches and beaches. Alserkal Avenue is the go-to place for independent cinema, art, photography and designers in the city. Events, exhibitions, concerts and lectures are held throughout the year, putting fresh and established talent alike in the limelight, and they are often free. Intriguing spots include Green Art Gallery, showcasing modern Arab art from across the Middle East, Gulf Photo plus, Dubai's only dedicated photography centre and The Odd Piece, which is crammed with antique and modern furniture to deck out your home.

→ Street 8, Al Quoz 1, Dubai (050 556 9797).

Get on your bike at Al Qudra

This scenic 86km cycle track in the desert provides a real workout while offering amazing views of the sand dunes, and even a spot of wildlife along the way. The route has a 50km loop, as well as an 18km stretch along Al Qudra Road known as The Stick. Both are popular with seasoned cyclists and novices alike and the track is lined with resting stations and there is a café and a shop at the opposite end of the track to The Stick. If you get up early enough there's even a chance to ride off into one of the best sunsets in the whole of the UAE.

→ Free. Al Qudra Cycle Track; Past Arabian Ranches.



Al Marmoum Racetrack

Go Camel racing at Al Marmoum Racetrack

You're in the desert, why not try something different and watch some camel racing? And best of all, you can experience this traditional sport for free. Head to Al Marmoum to see these animals taking to the track, complete with robot jockeys. Cheer on your favourite.

→ Call for times. Dubai Camel Racing Club, Al Marmoum Racetrack, Dubai-Al Ain Road, www.dcrc.ae (04 832 6526).

Take a dart down to The Beach

Reminiscent of the European al fresco dining scene, you'll be reminded of trips to Greece, Italy and Spain just strolling through the area which has a plethora of international food options right on the street. As well as a kids' play park, you'll find a running track, an al fresco gym, plenty of shops and stalls, and even a giant inflatable assault course (sadly chargeable) in the sea. Chilling out on the beach, watching the camel riders head up and down the sandy stretch, and catching some rays is definitely one of our favourite things to do with visitors.

→ Free. The Beach, JBR, www.thebeach.ae.

Have a picnic in a park

Despite being in the middle of the desert, Dubai has a surprising number of green spaces, and with the weather cooling down,

there's no better way to while away an afternoon than with a brimming picnic in one of the city's wonderful parks. Bring the family along for a fun day out at Khazzan Park, the first totally solar-panelled amenity of its kind in the country, and the sprawling Zabeel Park, where you can watch the boats gently cruise across the lake while you tuck into your lunch.

→ Al Khazzan Park: free. Al Safa Street. Zabeel Park, Dhs5. Off Al Majlis Street, Al Kifaf, www.ripeme.com.

Stroll through the ages at Al Fahidi

The historic Al Fahidi District is filled with museums, workshops, cafés and restaurants which takes you back to the UAE's rich and intriguing past. The area was once a hub for textile and pearl merchants in the shadow of the imposing Al Fahidi Fort, which now houses Dubai Museum. Away from that, the districts narrow walkways are scattered with cosy cafes, restaurants, art hubs and cultural centres as well as the super-cool XVA Art Hotel, which is free entry.

→ Al Fahadi Historical District, Bur Dubai.

Take a trek along the boardwalk on Palm Jumeirah

Palm Jumeirah is one of the most astonishing feats of engineering in the world, purely for the fact we have a palm tree-shaped island built into the middle of the Arabian Gulf. The boardwalk is an 11km jaunt stretching from one end of the Palm's crescent to the other. Spend some time circumnavigating the Palm and take in some of the city's top views.

→ Palm Jumeirah.

Visit Dubai's biggest fish market

It's been more than a year since Deria's iconic Fish Market closed up shop, but from the ashes comes the new and improved Waterfront Market, a new, cleaner,



The Waterfront Market

Budget eats

Aappa Kadai

Love curries? Head to this popular spot for the bargain chicken biryani. Also try the special vegetarian meal (thali) mopped up with aappams.

→ Open daily 10am-3.30pm, 6.30pm-midnight. Discovery Gardens (04 334 8030).

Bu Qtair

A Dubai institution serving fresh, simply prepared seafood on the beach.

→ Open daily 1.30am-11.30pm. Umm Suqeim Fishing Harbour, off Jumeirah Beach Road, behind Umm Suqeim Park (055 705 2130).

The Meating Room

This spot in Karama specialises in, as you'd imagine, meat cuts. We love it here and you will, too.

→ Open Sat-Wed 12.30pm-11pm; Thu 12.30pm-midnight; Fri 1.30pm-midnight. Al Wasl Hub Building 3, Karama (04 331 2567).

Vietnamese foodies

This excellent JLT spot serves up cheap, cheerful and authentic Vietnamese dishes. Proper tasty.

→ Open Sun-Wed 11am-10.30pm, Thu-Sat 11am-11pm. Cluster D, JLT (04 565 6088).

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air-conditioned retail space with state-of-the-art technology and hygiene measures. Not only has the market carried on its legacy, its upped the ante, too. Get to know what's in store before heading out to buy the freshest produce around.

→ Fish section: open 24/7. Other sections: 6am-1am.

Restaurants: 10am-11pm. Shops: 10am-10pm.

Al Khaleej Road, Corniche Deira, waterfrontmarket.ae (800 627538).

Top restaurants & bars

Appreciate some live music at Jazz@PizzaExpress

This place confidently puts on nightly performances from some of the region's top acts, including The Swing Revue and more. The Friday afternoon brunch is also a prime opportunity to catch some top live music to accompany your bottomless pizza session. More often than not, you'll find different band arrangements made up of professional session musicians who get about town, meaning you're always guaranteed top quality tunes that will have you nodding your head, tapping your foot and clicking your fingers.

Open Sat-Wed noon-1am, Thu-Fri noon-2am. Cluster A, → JLT (04 441 6342).

Brunch at Zuma

Picking up the Brunch of the Year gong for the second year in a row, this world-famous Japanese pulls out all the stops time after time. Dig into a range of sushi, sashimi, salad and maki rolls from the cold buffet before moving onto a hot section packed full of rotabata and tempura. Mains are served to the table and include that global superstar – the black cod. The brunch goes on a break for summer, and returns every winter.

→ Dhs473 (soft drinks), Dhs625 (house beverages),



The Penthouse

Dhs688 (bubbly), Dhs236 (kids aged four-12), free (kids under four) plus 10 percent DIFC fee. Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Gate Village 6, DIFC (04 425 5660).

Enjoy a cheap meal at Hanoi Naturally

Looking for pho? Look no further. Cheap, cheerful and authentic. Tasty dishes, cooked well at a good price. This Vietnamese restaurant is as authentic as they come. From the no-frills cafeteria-style interiors to the eye-poppingly strong Vietnamese coffee, this is a transporting dining experience at a fraction of the cost of the flight ticket. And then some.

→ Open daily noon-10pm. Gold Crest Executive Building, Cluster C, JLT (04 431 3099).

Enjoy the sea breeze at Barasti

Another titan of the scene, Barasti is perennially popular, and not just because of its

big screen. It serves great food and the vibe on the main middle deck is properly chilled-out. Let's not forget the pool downstairs and an awesome beachside hangout with a dancefloor on the sand. Which is needed when this place kicks off with regular major music festivals that you'll find on the calendar throughout the winter months.

→ Open daily 11am-1.30am. Le Méridien Mina Seyahi Beach Resort & Marina, King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Street (04 318 1313).

Get free drinks during ladies' night in Dubai is The Penthouse

Yes, ladies' nights are the thing to do in Dubai. Every night of the week, there are bars across the city serving up free drinks and bargain dinner deals for the fairer gender.

The Penthouse barged its way onto the Dubai nightlife scene earlier this year, bringing with it some stonking views of New Dubai, plus mega Saturday pool parties and high-octane Thursday EDM night, Skyline. → Tue 6pm-9.30pm. Ongoing. FIVE Palm Jumeirah Dubai, Palm Jumeirah (04 455 9988).

Go clubbing at BASE

When this open-air super-club in d3 launched, it brought with it some of the biggest names from the world of music, like 50 Cent and Busta Rhymes. It's still bringing and the 3,000-capacity club is filling out regularly with ease. This is the place for Dubai's most partying of party people.

→ Open Thu-Fri 10pm-4am. d3, Ras Al Khor Road (055 313 4999).



“Top quality tunes that will have you tapping your feet”

Go for a drink at Lock, Stock & Barrel JBR – The Walk

LSB 2.0, as it is affectionately known, is the party bar to end all party bars. This is the bigger, newer version of the Barsha Heights original, and it won Bar of the Year at *Time Out Dubai's* Music & Nightlife Awards 2018 back in March. Despite its enormous size, it continues to be packed out on a regular basis.
→ Open Sat-Sun 2pm-3am; Mon-Thu 4pm-3am; Fri 1pm-3am. Rixos Premium Dubai, JBR The Walk (04 392 7120).

Have a pint of the black stuff at The Irish Village

A Dubai institution, going strong for more than two decades, The Irish Village is our Pub of the Year, and its enduring presence continues to charm hordes of expats every week. Its large garden and homely feel make it a wonderfully low-key favourite among residents. With regular live music, good food and a great vibe, The Irish Village should be on your to-visit list.
→ Open daily 11am-1am. Garhoud (04 239 5000).

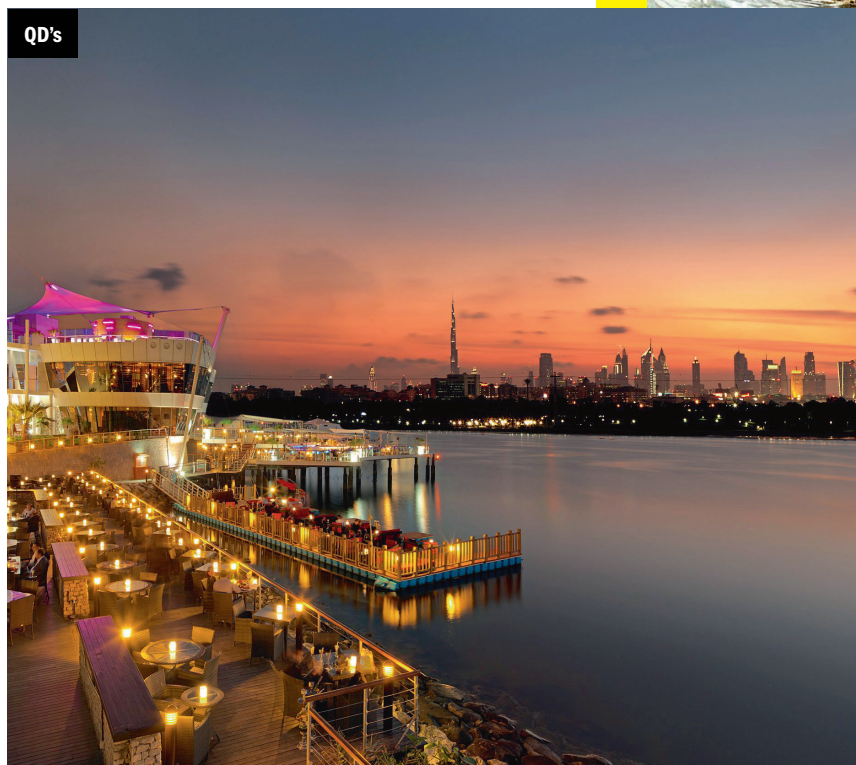
Have a slap-up dinner at Il Borro Tuscan Bistro

Because this is need-to-know information. This classy Italian, which is our Best Restaurant 2018, works with ingredients supplied by the original estate in Tuscany, and this is reflected in the taste and quality. Simple, yet delicious, the fresh produce does the talking in the dishes here, all of which are served up in an



Il Borro

QD's



upmarket, yet unstuffy environment.

→ Open daily 12pm-3.30pm, 7pm-1am. Jumeirah Al Naseem, Madinat Jumeirah (04 275 2555).

Start the day at Reform Social & Grill

Hugely popular for its proper pub grub, roast dinners and family-friendly vibe, Reform Social & Grill has also made a very successful foray into breakfasts in the past year. The weekend versions are top-notch, with the Breakfast of Champions a thing to behold with its monster servings of fried eggs, bacon, beans et al.

→ Open daily 8am-midnight. The Lakes (04 454 2638).

Take in the view at QD's

This Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club bar has a pretty mega view out across the Creek, thanks to its expansive terrace on the banks of the river. Great for whiling away a few hours, especially if you've just drudged off the idyllic golf course next to which it is located.

→ Open daily 5pm-2am. Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club, Deira (04 295 6000).

Take it outside



Nikki Beach Dubai

Amy Mathieson rounds up 24 of the city's best outdoor brunches to book now

It's finally getting cool enough to partake in some al fresco dining, and terraces around the city are throwing open their doors (or shedding their glass cages) once more. Whether you're looking for family-friendly fun, a bit of a boogie, a full-blown buffet or brunch with some stunning views, this list has got you covered. Go and enjoy the great outdoors.

Brunch with a view

Ajī

This Japanese/Peruvian Palm beachside spot lays on a Nikkei brunch every Friday and the food is superb. Sushi, ceviche and nibbles are followed by a main each and a dessert platter to share, and there's a similar version on Saturday, too, should you wish to double up on brunching by the sea.

→ Dhs375 (soft drinks), Dhs495 (house beverages), Dhs660 (bubbly). Fri noon-4pm. Club Vista Mare, Palm Jumeirah (04 552 0244).

Asia Asia

A well-known and much-loved party spot in Dubai Marina, Asia Asia also serves up a popular Friday brunch. And the best news? This is a late starter at 2pm – ideal if you love the concept of brunch, but not so much the timings. Dig into a wide range of well-presented dishes from across the continent, including sushi, grills and more. There's an upbeat vibe indoors, but for the best spot book a seat on the terrace and be transfixed by the Marina views.

→ Dhs329 (soft drinks), Dhs449 (house beverages), Dhs549 (sparkling grape), Dhs699 (bubbly). Fri 2pm-5pm. Pier 7, Dubai Marina (04 276 5900).

Café Nikki

Fancy pretending you're in the South of France? This brunch at Nikki Beach Dubai Resort & Spa will make you feel a world away from Downtown Dubai (which is actually very close, in fact you can see the Burj Khalifa from the front entrance). The views out to sea from this chic beach resort are fairly unique for Dubai – peaceful and construction-free. The Saint Tropez brunch takes place by the hotel pool, rather than at the pumping beach club just down the way, and aims to make you feel like you're on the Côte d'Azur. Dishes are suitably Français, while you're guaranteed a holiday vibe with poolside seating. Looking for something a little bit more upbeat and trendy? Head to the beach club on a Saturday for La Vie En Rose, for a party brunch including pink

drinks, sushi and pool access.

→ Dhs345 (soft drinks), Dhs435 (house beverages). Fri 1pm-4pm. Pearl Jumeira (04 376 6000).

Karma Kafé

After heaps of dim sum and plenty of sushi? This one is for you. From the team behind Asia Asia, this is a similar offering to the Marina version, however, the views are equally – if not more – appealing. If you choose to sit outside at Karma Kafé (which you absolutely should) you'll be treated to views of The Dubai Fountain while you dine. Brunch offers a choice of the restaurant's signature dishes – including sushi and Japanese barbecue.

→ Dhs329 (soft drinks), Dhs449 (house beverages),

Dhs549 (bubbly). Fri 1pm-4pm. Souk Al Bahar, Downtown Dubai (04 423 0909).

Marina Social

There are few things more relaxing than watching the yachts and traditional dhows ambling along the Marina. And this restaurant from British chef Jason Atherton offers up prime views of the waters below. The pumping party tunes coming from Accents' WeBrunch below might be less calming, but it's Friday and you're here for the fun, aren't you? And Marina Social has that in bucketloads. As well as a live DJ, there's a trolley delivering short measures to your table. The food is, of course, the main draw here and the brunch offers up an à la carte menu of Atherton's dishes,

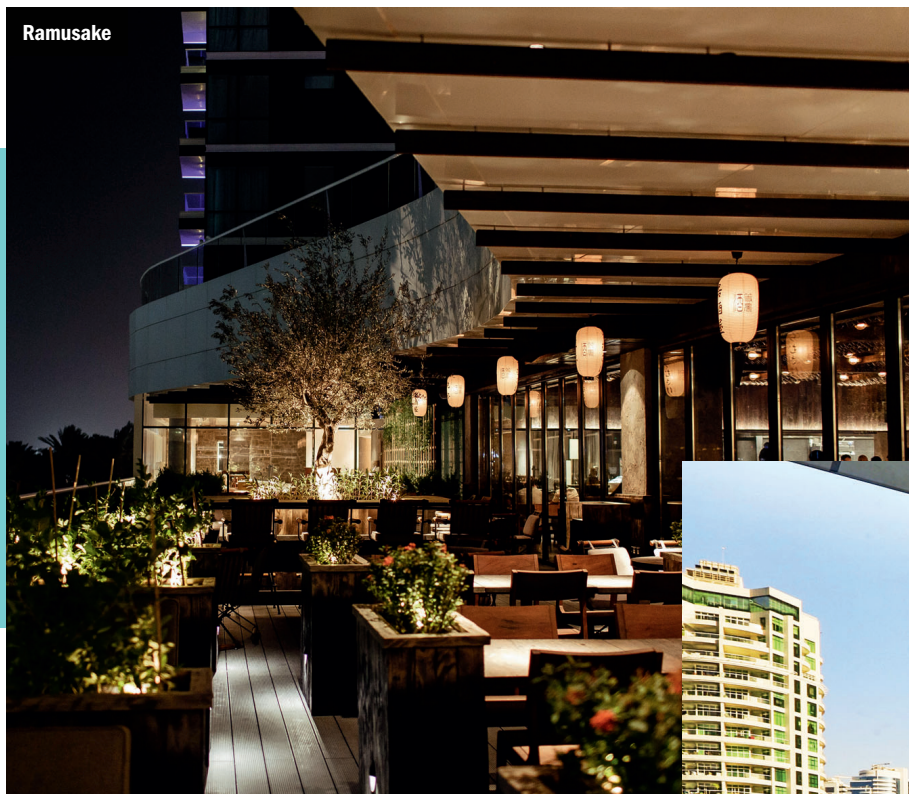


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Café Nikki

Al fresco brunches



such as short rib, king prawns and risottos. It won Highly Commended in the Best Brunch category in *Time Out Dubai's* 2018 Restaurant Awards, and the setting, food and vibe make this one an all-rounder.

→ Dhs290 (soft drinks), Dhs435 (house beverages), Dhs485 (bubbly). Fri 1pm-4pm. InterContinental Dubai Marina (04 446 6664).

Ramusake

One of the few brunches that you can enjoy a view of Ain Dubai from, come winter the terrace at this funky Japanese joint offers up some ace views out to sea. Set at the far end of JBR you can see over to the growing Bluewaters Island and what will be the world's largest ferris wheel, while you dig into a sharing menu of Japanese dishes including robata. There's also sushi, stir-fries and dim sum, and although it's not the best grub you'll find in town, the pretty setting and party vibe make up for it.

→ Dhs355 (house beverages). Fri 1pm-4pm. DoubleTree by Hilton Dubai Jumeirah Beach, The Walk, JBR (04 559 5300).

The Tap House

Another offering from Club Vista Mare, this brunch is more of the birthday party, laid-back gathering than the family-friendly affair at Breeze or Nikkei feast at Ají. The Tap House serves up gastropub grub – think burgers, curries and salads – with ocean views. Mellow, laid-back and fun.

→ Dhs185 (soft drinks), Dhs290 (unlimited house beverages), Dhs365 (bubbly). Fri 1pm-4pm. Club Vista Mare, Palm Jumeirah (04 514 3778).



Big buffet blow-outs

Brasserie 2.0

When it comes to food quality, this has to be one of the best buffet brunches out there. Not only is there a vast selection, it's all absolutely excellent. From the vast display of super-fresh seafood, to the tacos, curries and stir-fries, there's everything you could want. The outside live stations are well worth a visit too, with everything from barbecued lobster to sliders from a burger truck. The terrace itself is elegant and chic, and there's a live band keeping the vibe upbeat.

→ Dhs450 (soft drinks), Dhs595 (house beverages and

sparkling), Dhs795 (bubbly), Dhs230 (kids aged five-12). 1.30pm-4.30pm. Le Royal Méridien Beach Resort & Spa, Al Sufouh (04 316 5550).

Bubbalicious

Undoubtedly one of Dubai's most famous brunches (thanks in part to its celebrity visitors), this one is huge. Held at The Westin Mina Seyahi Beach Resort & Marina Bubbalicious might be an oldie, but it's still a goodie – well, if it's a huge buffet that you're after. It can be slightly overwhelming, the wealth of options is vast, and although not the best buffet in terms of culinary excellence, food quality is mostly decent. Sit out on the terrace for views of the garden, and to make



the most of the range of al fresco drinks stations. Love dessert? There's a room dedicated to all things sweet.

→ Dhs420 (soft drinks), Dhs520 (sparkling), Dhs620 (bubbly), free (kids under 12). 1pm-4pm. King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Street (04 511 7139).

Jumeirah Al Qasr

This is one of the most famous of the Friday brunches, and it's best visited in winter, due to its excellent outdoor area. This Madinat offering is a huge, popular brunch serving an array of dishes from a multitude of live cooking stations (indecisive? This is not the place for you). There's also live entertainment



Traiteur

London Social

With a superb setting, this Friday feast at Caravan has become a local legend. The buffet brunch takes diners on a tour of the capital city, with everything from fish and chips to "Pudding Lane". Oh, and on Friday October 19 it's where we'll be hosting the *Time Out* Brunch Club, with the house beverage package just Dhs395 for one week only.

→ Dhs395 (soft drinks), Dhs495 (house beverages), Dhs650 (premium beverages and bubbly). Fri 1pm-4pm. The Ritz-Carlton Dubai, The Walk, JBR (04 318 6150).



THREE TO TRY

Al fresco evening brunches

Pure Sky Lounge & Dining

This rooftop spot at JBR boasts stunning views across to Ain Dubai, the Palm and The Beach at JBR. Plus, of course, the mass of ocean ahead. There's a party vibe and you'll get sharing plates are served directly to your table, dishes include meats from the grill.

→ Dhs245 (soft drinks), Dhs395 (selected house beverages), Dhs425 (bubbly). Fri 6pm-9pm. Hilton Dubai Jumeirah Residences, The Walk, JBR (04 399 1111).

Riviera Grill

If you fancy a night brunch starring fresh seafood head to this JBR beachside grill. There's plenty of freshly cooked fish dishes and a classy, upmarket feel to the place. Plus you'll have a view of the infinity pool and Arabian Gulf for proper holiday vibes.

→ Dhs250 (soft drinks), Dhs395 (house beverage), Dhs550 (bubbly). Fri 7pm-10pm. Rixos Premium Dubai, JBR (052 777 9473).

Sun&

Looking for something relaxed? Head to this Palm spot for a relaxing waterside evening brunch. You'll get a tasting menu of Mediterranean cuisine with live music from the DJ.

→ Dhs295 (house beverages). Fri 5pm-8pm. Palm Views, Marina West, Palm Jumeirah (04 375 9333).

for a thoroughly fun afternoon. A great one to take visitors of any age to.

→ Dh480 (soft drinks), Dhs577 (house beverages), Dhs674 (bubbly), free (kids under four). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Madinat Jumeirah, Umm Suqeim (04 432 3232).

Traiteur

The ultimate al fresco brunch, this former *Time Out Dubai* Best Brunch winner returned earlier this year to Park Hyatt Dubai. The chic Creekside brunch is now held at swanky new dining destination The Promenade, but still serves up all the classic brunch dishes you know and love. Mountains of oysters? Check. Super-fresh prawns? Check. Mammoth cheese table? Check. Basically everything you'd want from a typical Dubai Friday feast – with some pretty stunning views of the Creek from its elegant terrace to boot.

→ Dhs495 (soft drinks), Dhs695 (sparkling grape),



Breeze Beach Grill

Dhs775 (bubbly), Dhs895 (premium bubbly). Fri 1pm-4.30pm. The Promenade, Park Hyatt Dubai, Deira (04 602 1234).

Family-friendly

Bread Street Kitchen

At Gordon Ramsay's restaurant, not only will you find a whole range of British dishes (which are far better suited to cooler weather – hello, pies) you'll find a cute garden area to kick back in, too. It's a super-family-friendly offering, with plenty of activities in among the tables (including a bouncy castle) so it's a great one for the whole gang.

→ Dhs240 (soft drinks), Dhs355 (house beverages), Dhs105 per child (includes free entry to The Lost Chambers Aquarium). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Atlantis The Palm, Palm Jumeirah (04 426 2000).

Breeze Beach Bar & Grill

This is one of our very favourite spots for al fresco dining – and we even named it Best Outdoor Bar at this year's Music & Nightlife Awards. However, it's family-friendly, too, so it's a good seaside option for everyone. As well as the views across the sea from Club Vista Mare, you'll also get a petite buffet loaded with sushi, salads and even roasts. And don't miss the dessert counter if you love a massive slab of cake.

→ Dhs195 (soft drinks), Dhs395 (house beverages). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Palm Jumeirah (04 568 3000).

Reform Social & Grill

Winner of our Best Pub Food title at the 2018 Restaurant Awards, you can be sure you're going to get a slap-up Friday feast at this one. The Great British Road Trip Brunch features



old school British classics like fish and chips and mini Yorkshire puddings. Perfect for everyone from the littles to your visiting parents.

→ Dhs250 (soft drinks), Dhs325 (house beverages), Dhs400 (sparkling grape). Fri noon-4pm; 7pm-10pm. The Lakes (04 454 2638).

Party brunches

Babiolo

This restaurant on the 44th floor of the Hilton Dubai Al Habtoor City throws a cracking Friday party brunch. It's classy, it's chic and it's also a whole load of fun. Plus, there's a pretty terrace affording some top view for the cooler months. Expect Mediterranean dishes, a top-notch dessert selection and a lively vibe with the crowd even throwing some shapes before 4pm rolls around.

→ Dhs395 (house beverages). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Hilton Dubai Al Habtoor City (04 437 0077, 056 515 4665).

Candypants ladies' day pool party

If you're after a party on a rooftop, in a pool, look no further than this Saturday bash from renowned party brunch team Candypants. It's not just for ladies – although women get the better deal – and everyone can dance, dine and take a dip with views of the Marina. For Dhs149 ladies get unlimited grape and frozen cocktails, for Dhs249 you'll get the same with a food platter thrown in and for Dhs349 you'll all that and sparkling grape on top. Gents will have to fork out Dhs399 for the sparkling grape and food platter package. Slap on the sunscreen and get that swanky swimsuit out.

→ Sat noon-5pm at The Penthouse, FIVE Palm Jumeirah Dubai, Palm Jumeirah (04 455 9989).



Babiolo



Zero Gravity

Dusty's Dubai

Love a party? This DIFC spot might not be on your immediate radar, but it should be. There's a top terrace for winter, which has live music and a great atmosphere. We're not sure why it's airline-themed but the food and mood are decent for a bar brunch, too.

→ Dhs299 (soft drinks), Dhs399 (house beverages), Dhs499 (bubbly). Fri noon-4pm. Al Fattan Currency House, DIFC (04 354 5435).

Nikki Beach Dubai

If you love all things pink, then this world-famous beach club's Saturday party is for you. Every week visit the super trendy spot for La Vie en Rose, with, as you'd expect, a pink theme. There are inventive mixed drinks and a buffet with dishes including sushi, meanwhile after brunch you can continue the party in the pool, or just chill out on one of the massive comfy sun loungers.

→ Dhs265 (soft drinks), Dhs395 (grape and hops), Dhs465 (grape, hops and shorts). Sat 1pm-4pm. Pearl Jumeira (04 376 6162).

Saffron

Not for the faint-hearted. This longstanding party brunch is still one of the best out

there, especially in cooler weather when the massive terrace opens up to become an all-out Friday fiesta. Not only is the party vibe strong at this one (expect some serious shape-throwing) you'll not be short on food options either, as this brunch proudly boasts a whopping 220 dishes with everything from stir-fries and curries to pizza and mezze (admittedly it's not really about the eating here, but the scores of different beverage stations). Top marks for birthday parties and fun shindigs.

→ Dhs535 (selected house beverages). Over 21s only. Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Atlantis The Palm, Palm Jumeirah (04 426 2626).

Zero Gravity

What's more al fresco than a pool party? Zero Gravity's Supernatural brunch provides poolside vibes, cool entertainment and a lively vibe. Plus, five hours of unlimited food and drinks. Be prepared to dance to the beats of the resident DJ and welcome back the Dubai party season in style at this fun-loving brunch. Insta-snaps of the infinity pool not compulsory, but recommended.

→ Dhs249 (women), Dhs299 (men). Sat noon-5pm. Sky Dive Drop Zone, Dubai Marina (04 399 0009).

Join the club



FloatUAE
HIIT on the water? No problems

Darragh Murphy checks out where to go to learn some new skills

Who says you're only learning when you're at school? Dubai shakes its figurative head in shame at such a statement, and it has the classes to prove it.

We can't get enough of the abundance of activities this city offers – from high-octane classes to fancy ballroom dancing. Although, with the amount out there to bury yourself in, it's easy to miss out on some lesser-known challenges that could easily become your next hobby. Search no longer. Whether you want to unleash your inner Picasso (while sipping on a glass of grape) or learn how to whip up a brand-new dish in the kitchen, there's a class here that will spark your interest.

In the words of Troy Bolton from *High School Musical*, "this could be the start of something new," so have a gander at these 11 fresh classes to try.

For the sportsmen

Burn calories at Barry's Bootcamp

Think your treadmill training session is tough? Think again. Barry's Bootcamp is a HIIT concept consisting of intense sprints on a treadmill along with extreme weight training spread out over short intervals. Basically, it's a mix of running and weights, and it's hard. You'll burn up to 1,000 calories during each session (so they say), and the idea is you'll continue to burn calories for hours after the workout ends (hopefully even when you're lounging on the sofa massaging your aching calves). The pumping jams and upbeat instructors will keep you motivated throughout



each session – no matter tiring it gets. Barry's second location is now open at the Trident Grand Mall in Dubai Marina and your first 50-minute class will cost just Dhs84, with every class after priced at Dhs126. It's the kind of workout big stars like Jake Gyllenhaal, David Beckham, Ellie Goulding and Jessica Biel do, if that's what it takes to inspire you to try it.

→ Dhs84 (first class), Dhs126 (per class), Dhs1,207.50 (monthly 12 class membership). Class times vary. Trident Grand Mall, Dubai Marina, www.barrysbootcamp.com/barrys-dubai, (04 874 8476).

Get active with Aquaspin

Pretty much what is says on the tin, but who knew pedalling underwater could be

such a craze? A brand-new Aquaspin class launched this month at the InterContinental Dubai Marina and it's time to suit up and hit the pool. You'll be submerged underwater, spinning at speed, using the water as resistance. The 45-minute sessions take place in the morning and evening, ideally timed to fit around work, so there's no reason not to get your sweat on in your swimsuit.

→ Every Sun, Mon and Wed 7am-8am, Tue 7.30am-8.30am, Thu-Fri 8am-9am, Sat 4pm-5pm. InterContinental Dubai Marina, www.aquaspin.ae (04 446 6777).

Splash around at FloatUAE

Just when you thought your run-of-the-mill HIIT class was tough enough, FloatUAE came along and put the intense workout on water. Tiring? Yes. Fun, absolutely.

Float UAE offers fitness enthusiasts a blend of balancing and swimming within its 40-minute HIIT classes (thought planking on land was tough?).

The programme focuses on building strength, deepening your flexibility and improving your balance and movements – via an intense workout while balanced on a floating mat. Classes take place across some of Dubai's best pools and five-star resorts, so you'll have a luxurious al fresco setting to sweat it out in, too.

Fancy trying it? Budding floaters can enjoy their first lesson free of charge, and if you find that you have an affinity for it, you can buy five classes for Dhs625. How many burpees can you do on a floating mat?

→ Dhs625 (five classes). Various locations and times, www.floatuae.com (055 713 4925).

Strengthen at Cardiolates

Another one that's fairly self explanatory. Combo cardio and Pilates, and you'll end up with a fun way to get in shape while going easy on your joints – otherwise known as Cardiolates. Simply put, it's an intense (and sweaty) workout that increases agility, coordination and fitness.

Not only this, it's also known to strengthen your core and give you great posture – which means no more slouching. The hour-long classes will have you bouncing around on a mini-trampoline and strengthening your core with various moves, including hopping around on one leg. Your first two group classes are priced at Dhs110, and each class after will be Dhs120. We're sitting a bit straighter already.

→ Dhs110 (first two classes), Dhs120. Open Sun-Thu 8am-9pm, Fri-Sat 9am-1pm. Jumeirah Bay X2 Tower, Cluster X, JLT, www.pilatesacademydubai.com (056 798 4655).



Learn a new skill

For the performers

Go Bachata dancing

We've seen it in our favourite movies – a couple hits the club and bust out some amazing dance moves that clear the floor and have the crowd going wild. If you're yearning for that moment, you'll want to take a few bachata dance classes at the James & Alex Dance Studios in Dubai Media City. An electrifying form of social dancing originating from the Dominican Republic, bachata has quickly gained a huge following thanks to a few big names such as Romeo Santos, who has 1.3 billion views on his popular song *Propuesta Indecente*. Generally slower than salsa, but with a faster pace than ballroom dancing, it's the type of dance that's easy to pick up but hard to master, though a few classes will put you on the right track. Hourly sessions for beginner and intermediate levels are priced at Dhs70, while you can get a 12 class bundle for Dhs690. If you're looking to steal the spotlight the next time you hit the club, get started here.

→ Dhs70 per class, Dhs690 (12 classes). Sun 9pm, Thu 7pm. Concord Tower, Dubai Media City (04 447 0773).

Pick up an instrument with ukulele lessons

Simple to pick up and fun to sing along to, the ukulele is the epitome of good vibes, and you can learn to play it over at Melodica Music Center. But it's just a tiny guitar with fewer strings? There's a lot more to the ukulele than meets the eye. The instrument comes in four different sizes, including soprano, concert, tenor and baritone. That means you can easily form a ukulele group with different tones to create the perfect melody – if you have enough persuadable mates. If you don't have many with musical talents, there's already a Dubai group performing weekly sessions that you can join at www.meetup.com. As for learning the skill, ukulele players can get private classes starting from Dhs580 per month, so you can master all of the different chords and even your favourite songs. Better yet, the instrument is one of the cheapest to buy, with prices ranging from Dhs150 all the way to Dhs1,000 at outlets across Dubai. Go on, be the Hawaiian trendsetter.

→ From Dhs580 per month. Open Sat-Fri 10am-10pm. Various locations including Palm Jumeirah and JLT, www.melodica.ae (04 374 3434).

Try acting at The Desert Monologues

Fancy yourself an actor of Oscar-worthy standards? Check out The Desert Monologues, a programme for adults to



Bachata lessons
Get your groove on

take to the stage and bring out their inner thespian. From Dhs1,890, actors of all levels will explore script-work, improvisation and characterisation, while experienced instructors will teach you how to get the best out of your voice, along with learning how to bring out the inner Robert De Niro. All of the lessons consist of drama activities and a tonne of rehearsals that will lead to a big monologue performance at The Courtyard Building, so you can show the world the true star that you are – or just give you a little confidence boost. Pricier packages include a 30-minute professional headshot photoshoot, a performance video of your final show and a one-hour audition showreel for those looking to make it to the big time or to get into acting.

→ From Dhs1,890 (seven week program). Dates and times vary. The Courtyard Building, Al Quoz, www.courtyardplayhouse.com (050 781 2269).

For the artists

Create candles at COYA

There are plenty of reasons to visit COYA – the ceviche and *Time Out Dubai's* Best Restaurant Bar, Pisco Lounge being just two – and now you can head to the cool Peruvian restaurant to learn how to make candles. Julia Violet's candle masterclass will show you how to make your very own home fragrance. Using various different scents, including a blend of sandalwood, amber, leather and spicy cinnamon, you're sure to find a smell that pleases your nasal passages. That's not all, as Violet will also be hosting floral masterclasses, too. Even better, the sessions will include a special set lunch menu with a dessert, mocktail and coffee. Sign us up.

Dhs500. Candle masterclass: Tue Oct 30 and Tue Nov 27, 11.30am-1pm; Floral masterclass: Tue Oct 16 and

Mon Nov 12, 11am-1pm. COYA Dubai, Four Seasons Resort, Jumeirah Beach www.coyarestaurant.com/dubai (04 316 9600).

Make your own pottery

If you're learning how to cook (see page 35 for more of than), you may as well learn how to make the actual plate it comes on, too, and really wow your dinner guests. From tableware and decorative vases to creative sculptures, Yadawei's ceramic and pottery classes will teach you how to expertly craft them all, using a good old-fashioned pottery wheel. Sessions will introduce you to a list of methods, including centering, pulling, trimming and

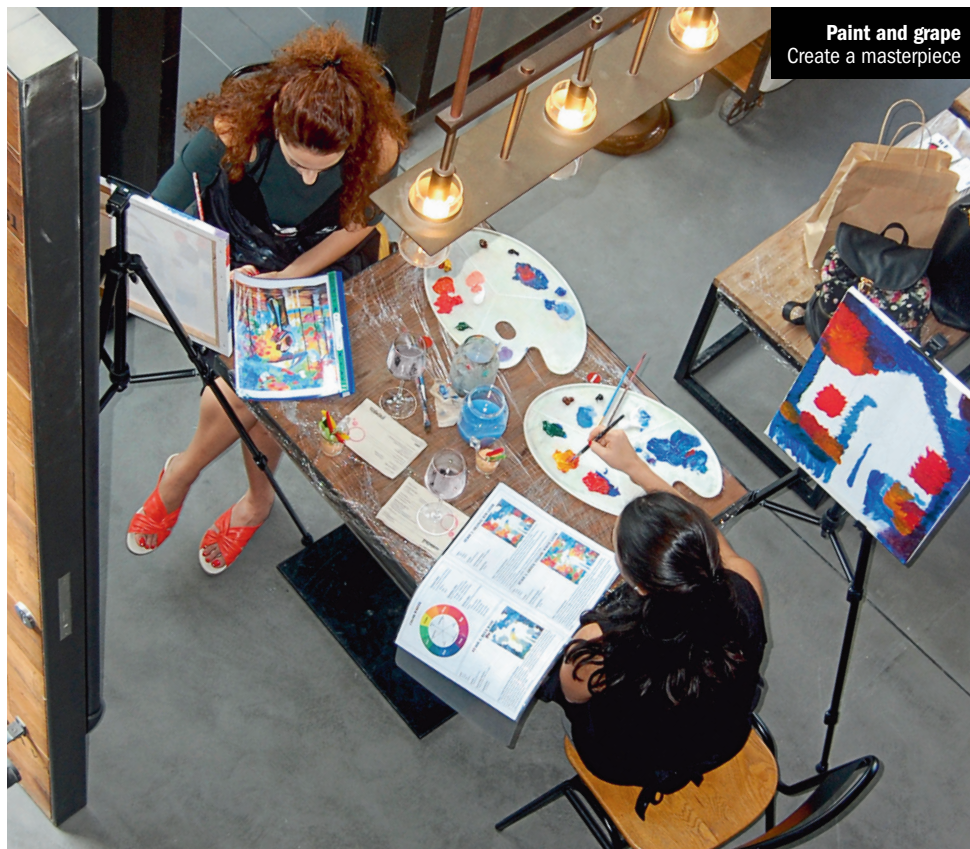


shaping clay on the wheel, how to manipulate clay into human or animal forms and design abstract designs, as well as functional simple stuff such as plates. Classes are well catered for first time clay artisans, so don't fret, they expect a few clumpy "masterpieces." Pottery students can take part in their first trial class from Dhs180, and get four sessions from Dhs650. Don that potter's apron, it's time to get moulding.

→ Dhs180 (trial class), Dhs650 (four sessions). Mon-Wed 10am-9pm, Thu-Sat 10am-6pm. Yadawei Ceramic Studio, Warehouse 30, Al Qouz Industrial Area 1, www.yadawei.net (04 379 1312).

Paint with grape

Looking to fill that dead space on the living room wall? You could go and buy art, but where's the fun in that? Create your own instead. We Love Art's Paint and Grape classes give budding artists the chance to create their own masterpiece (maybe) using a pre-sketched canvas with a host of materials. With a paint brush in one hand and a glass of grape in the other, along with some smooth, jazzy music as a backdrop we can't think of a better way to take to the easel. The art you'll be recreating includes the likes of *The Great Wave off Kanagawa*, *Girl with a Pearl Earring* and the *Mona Lisa* by Leonardo da Vinci – and it isn't easy painting that smile. Priced at Dhs387, classes go on for three hours and take place in various locations. Whether you're looking to touch up on your painting skills or simply want to taste the life of an artist (and some grape), the class is the place to unleash your inner Van Gough/Picasso/



insert other amazing artist name here.

→ Dhs387 per class. Times vary. Various locations including Couqley, JLT; Grapeskin, City Walk; InterContinental Dubai Marina, www.weloveart.ae (04 514 9339).

Perfect your perfume

If you're the kind of person that spends hours in duty free searching for the perfect perfume, this is the class for you. Hosted by Melanie Jane, a qualified aromatherapist and natural perfumer since 1998, the perfume making class will teach you the ways of making a unique scent. Sessions usually last three hours or more, and will teach you the basic perfume making techniques so you can muster up a scent that's exclusive to you, whether you're after a fresh eau de cologne or something super-glam. Classes take place at The Ritz-Carlton, Dubai in JBR, and sometimes at the iconic Burj Al Arab Jumeirah, and you'll enjoy some snacks as well as a glass of sparkling while you're there.

→ Prices vary. Various dates and locations, including The Ritz-Carlton, Dubai, JBR; Burj Al Arab Jumeirah, Umm Suqeim, www.masterclasseswithmelanie.com (050 350 1557).



For the foodies

Be creative at Café Céramique

At Café Céramique, you'll get to make and paint a masterpiece before or after you eat. If you're looking to fill your tummies first, choose from a portion of pancakes with a side of syrup, chocolate sauce and fresh fruit, mushroom and veal omlette packed with rosemary potatoes, or even a freshly made

Learn a new skill



bagel. And we're sure that all that food will fuel your creative side. Once you're full it's time to bring out your artistic talent. Diners get the chance to paint and craft whatever they choose, from ceramic small animals to a traditional mug. The cheery staff are only too happy to help with picking out the perfect paint colours. Your painted products are then sent to the kiln for firing, and can be collected in a week. A pretty good excuse to return. The question Cafe Ceramique asks you first is: "do you want to paint first or eat?" Whichever one you choose, you're in for a right treat, and it's an ideal spot for the whole family to have fun and get creative.

→ From Dhs130 (meal and crafting). Open daily 9am-

midnight. Level 1, Jumeirah Town Centre, Jumeirah, www.cafeceramique.ae (04 344 7331).

Get cooking at Chef's Palette

Can't cook, wont cook? Or Gordon Ramsay in disguise? Either way, there's a space for you at this all-level fun cooking school. Chef's Palette at Fairmont The Palm features an array of different classes and experiences. Taking place daily, the interactive cooking studio, led by Michelin-trained chef de cuisine Romain Van Durmen, will have amateur cooks work one-on-one with him to discover recipes from all over the world, along with a complimentary lunch buffet at the Flow Kitchen (if you take on the afternoon classes). Other experiences include master classes, along with a private dinner in the live kitchen with the chef's table dinners and then Friday night drop in sessions perfect for couples. It's time to dust off that tablecloth and invite your friends round for dinner.

→ Dhs195 (afternoon classes), Dhs345 (master classes), Dhs445 (chef's table dinner). Afternoon classes: noon onwards; Drop in sessions: Every Fri 7pm-9pm; Chef's table dinners: daily 7.30pm onwards. Fairmont The Palm, Palm Jumeirah (04 457 3457).

Master chocolate making

If you're a lover of all things cocoa, this is a class with your name on it – mainly because you get to indulge in chocolate throughout the session, while learning a thing or two about how to make it while you nibble. Boutique Le Chocolat hosts hour-long Bespoke Chocolate Experience classes where the master chocolatier begins by taking you through a tasting experience. You're then given the chance to make your own bar of chocolate with a customised design and name.

Think like Willy Wonka and come up with something creative. The class will also give an educational tour about different cocoa beans from all around the world, and the different traits that give them all their unique texture and flavour. After the class, you'll be able to take home four bars of "Unicorn's Kingdom" that you've melted and moulded yourself. Take them to work to win over your colleagues (or just to avoid the vending machine).

→ Dhs350. Open Sun-Thu 10am-10pm; Fri-Sat 10am-midnight. Class times vary. Al Safa Street, City Walk (04 590 5075).

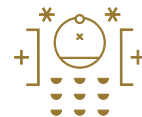
Whip up a brunch

If you love brunch, but would rather stay home, the "Let's Make Brunch" class at Top Chef Dubai will teach you how to make your very own foodie extravaganza. The sessions give groups of friends or families the chance to cook under the guidance of one of the chefs. As for what you'll be cooking, amateur chefs will be whipping up traditional eggs Benedict with grilled bacon on a homemade English muffin, handmade chorizo gnocchi, lemon and raspberry tart and a refreshing hibiscus raspberry and ginger iced tea. And the best part? You can taste the fruits (or whatever you cooked) of your labour after you're done, so you had better do a good job of following the chefs instructions.

You can get it all for Dhs315 per session, too – which is less than most brunches, plus you'll come away with fine skills (hopefully). Even if you're more akin with whipping up beans on toast than fancy fodder this is sure to help.

→ From Dhs315 per class. Open daily, times vary. Villa 196, Jumeirah Beach Road, www.topchefdubai.com/cooking-classes (04 385 5781).





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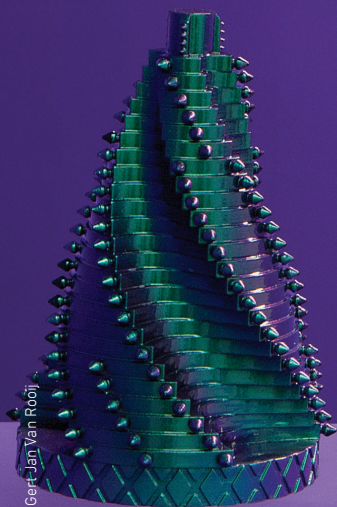
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A fresh cut

Same, same but different? The Meat Co. at Souk Al Bahar has a revamp, writes *Amy Mathieson*

You know the situation – it's been a long day of traipsing round with the visitors (see page 16 for further inspo) and you've found yourselves, not unexpectedly, at The Dubai Fountain.

If you feel as if you're old hat when it comes to restaurants in Souk Al Bahar, then you're in luck, as one of the area's popular restaurants has had a revamp.

The Meat Co. has reopened after a 120-day refurb – and now has new branding, a swanky new look and a fresh menu, which is good news for Dubai dwellers who are visiting the area for the umpteenth time.

WHAT IS IT...

A longstanding restaurant that's had a revamp

WHY GO...

If you like dancing water shows – and meat

The new menu comes from group executive chef Praba Manickam, and features fresh dishes such as tuna tartare, wagyu carpaccio, roasted bone marrow, grilled octopus and pan-seared Hokkaido scallops to start.

Mains include pan-roasted chicken, herb-crusted cod with seafood orzo pasta, lobster bisque and pea shoots as well as grilled Maine lobster, gnocchi with aged Parmesan and tomato sauce and mushroom risotto. But with meat in the name, you're really here for the cuts, no?

Fret not, carnivores, there's a range of top steaks to dig into such as the wagyu marble

and rangers valley wagyu. Couple them with sides including baked asparagus with feta and truffle and Parmesan fries and you've (hopefully) a feast to rival the Fountain. The interiors have had a revamp too, with warm tones and a spacious indoor and outdoor dining area that can seat up to 320.

"From the food to the sophisticated interior and first-class service, everything exudes the distinctive South African-style," says Johnny Tomazos, CEO of Food Fund International. "We proudly welcome guests to our new revamped restaurant to an epicurean adventure."

Sounds impressive – let's see if it lives up to its bold billing.

→ Open daily noon-11.30pm. Souk Al Bahar, Downtown Dubai (04 420 0737).



Time Out reviews anonymously and pays for its meals

“This place is no wallflower – and nor is its menu”



Hotel Cartagena

→ Open daily 5.30pm-2am. Licensed. JW Marriott Marquis Dubai, Business Bay (04 560 1799).

RESTAURANT OF THE WEEK

IF YOU'RE NOT one to set foot in a restaurant that doesn't serve up even a splash of live entertainment, you'll do just fine at Dubai's newest (and loftiest) Latin American restaurant.

Set at the top of the JW Marriott Marquis Dubai, the second-tallest hotel in the world, you'll need a head for heights and an ear for loud and lively Latin music.

Filled with colourful foliage and eye-popping murals, with the occasional burst of live dance performances from women dressed in enormous plumage, Hotel Cartagena is no wallflower. And nor is its menu, packed with punchy flavours – from tangy ceviche to chargrilled meats.

Service, however, is less dynamic, so prepare to endure the ritual challenge of waving

someone down to order. And then, perhaps, to later remind them of your order.

Seating arrangements are a touch odd, too. We're a party of two, and seated at a table for at least six. Equally perplexing is the height of the table and chairs themselves. Each seat is so low-slung our knees are almost level with our chests when we sit down.

In fact, it's almost impossible to get them under the table unless we stretch them straight out, as though we've all the joints of a Barbie doll.

Once we've waved our plastic arms around enough, food finally arrives. The octopus is an instant hit, with perfectly crisp, yet yielding, tentacles, delicately curled and generously salted.

Braised beef cheek empanadas are everything we're

hoping for from the age-old street food – golden, crunchy and packed with savoury shredded meat. Deeply satisfying without the threat of stodge.

A good thing too, because we're beginning to wonder if we'll ever be able to stand up.

When the enormous trio of ceviche maki arrives, our fears are confounded. But it's quickly followed by grilled giant prawn – radiant in kaffir lime oil – and suddenly we're quite happy to be trapped in our seats for the foreseeable future.

While mains are pricey (Dhs145 up to Dhs620), the tacos, maki, ceviche and other hot and cold appetisers (from Dhs42 to Dhs96) are ripe for a sharing-style soirée over a few of the bar's signature mixed drinks.

Just make sure you stretch before taking a seat.

WHAT IS IT...

Vibrant Latin American eatery at the top of the world's second-tallest hotel

WHY GO...

Live dancing and fun food – but service will test your patience



Trophy Room

→ Open daily noon-2am. Licensed. Fairmont Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 526 9156).

“STOP. GLAMOUR TIME.” They’re probably the sort of lyrics clever clogs at Trophy Room had in mind when concocting the made-for-social-media golden chicken nuggets. Yes, that’s real golden nuggets, as they’re dusted with 24-karat gold and served with equally shiny golden fries.

Unfortunately, “Stop. Turn around. And go home,” are the most fitting words when we arrive as the shining star of the show is unavailable. “I’ll have to check with the chef,” we’re informed by the always attentive, but sometimes befuddled waiter.

Two minutes later he’s back to break the bad news: the chefs don’t have any. Apparently, the gold-dusted nuggets are as rare as, well, gold dust.

When we try to get to the bottom of this – are they super-popular? Are they rarely ordered? Are the golden chickens refusing to leave their golden roost? – we’re given a mumbled excuse. If it’s not always “on” then why’s it always on menu? Is it just a gimmick?

Disappointed, we begrudgingly take our seat at a booth and distract ourselves from disappointment with a few

competitive games of Snakes and Ladders and cards.

The bar itself is busy – with enough TVs showing enough variety of sports to keep the mixed clientele of hotel guests and after-work groups happy.

But really, Trophy Room is no different from other sports bars that are friendly, serve decent food and sell hops.

Take the golden chicken nuggets out of the equation and it falls in line to an already packed roster of others.

However, the tuna tartare starter is great: huge chunks of fish on a bed of creamy guac served with a bunch of tortilla chips ready to be scooped up willingly. It’s a shame then, that the black truffle poutine is a letdown. Just like the nuggets, the promised truffle seems to have done a vanishing act. It’s actually just large chips, cheese and gravy, and it’ll cost you Dh39.

The green pea samosas are dry. Thankfully, the butter chicken curry is lovely. It’s flavour-packed while the chicken is tender.

If you’re in the area, head inside for a cold one and an okay curry. If not, there are better places to eat.

WHAT IS IT...

A sports bar on Sheikh Zayed Road offering decent grub

WHY GO...

Sadly not for the sparkling nuggets



THREE OF THE BEST

Weekend roasts



Bread Street Kitchen

British chef Gordon Ramsay knows a thing or two about roast dinners. Book into Bread Street Kitchen with the fam for a slap-up feast.

→ Dh\$135. Sat noon-4pm. Atlantis The Palm, Palm Jumeirah (04 426 2626).



Marina Social

A grown-up Saturday roast, this one has a choice of lamb, chicken or beef, alongside views of the Marina. Head out to the terrace for the best spot.

→ Dh\$119. Sat 1pm-11pm. InterContinental Dubai Marina (04 446 6664).



The Scene

This Pier 7 roast in three words? Giant. Yorkshire. Puds. Visit this one from TV chef Simon Rimmer if you can’t get enough carbs.

→ Dh\$125. Fri-Sun noon-midnight. Pier 7, Dubai Marina (04 422 2328).

Bao Wow

→ Open daily 11.30am-midnight. Unlicensed. City Walk, Al Safa Street (04 342 7044).

SITTING IN THE SPACE that housed the short-lived Dragonfly – from German Michelin-starred chef Tim Raue – much of restaurant remains the same (in other words, it's bright red).

The massive red booths, dimly lit bathrooms with Chinese wallpaper and spilt-level layout remain. Bao Wow has lifted this though and brightened it with massive pops of colour and vibrant wall art done in collaboration with Dubai-based graffiti artist Ramy Elzaghaw.

The overall look is fresh, fun and funky. But another thing Bao Wow has in common with its predecessor is that it's empty. Is it the position in City Walk? Or is it not what diners in the area are after? Either way, we're the sole patrons in the restaurant leading to an awkward, soulless vibe.

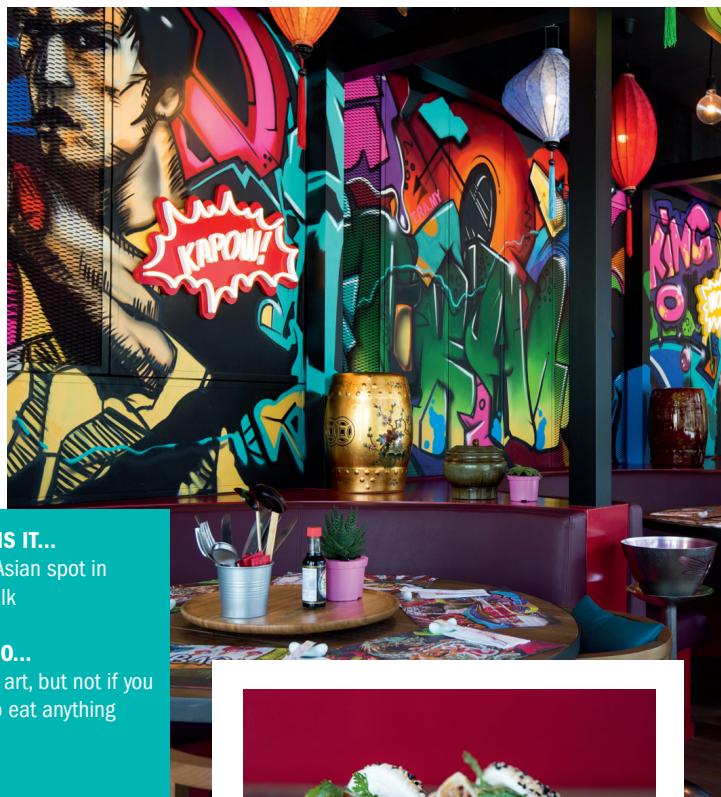
That's where the similarities end, however. Where fine

Chinese dining was once served (remember those outstanding wasabi langoustine?) now comes below par Asian food.

And when your dining companion asks "do you think they have a chef or just a microwave?" there's a problem.

We opt for a selection of bao to kick us off. The chicken teryaki version tastes greasy and fatty, while the Take a Bao selection of prawn, beef and lamb are equally unappealing. The rainbow candy dim sum sounds so fun we can't resist, though wish we had, as soggy, tasteless parcels arrive. The chicken katsu curry is so dry it's sent back to the kitchen.

Aside from the cool wall art, there's nothing redeeming about this spot, which is a pity.



WHAT IS IT...

Funky Asian spot in City Walk

WHY GO...

For the art, but not if you want to eat anything



BOOK IT

Restaurant deals of the week



Breakfast at Plantation Restaurant & Terrace

Kick-start your day with a hearty breakfast for just Dhs59.

→ Dhs59. Daily 6am-2am. Ongoing. Sofitel Dubai Jumeirah Beach, The Walk, JBR (04 448 4733).

Business lunch at Günaydın

Enjoy a four-course meal with cold mezze, lentil soup, salads, kebabs and more.

→ Dhs120. Sun-Thu noon-2pm. Ongoing. Souk Al Bahar, Downtown Dubai (04 554 0700).

Dim Sum Plus at Shang Palace

Dig into in 36 varieties of

unlimited dim sum, cooked three ways: steamed, baked and fried.

→ Dhs98. Sun-Thu noon-3pm. Ongoing. Shangri-La Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 405 2703)

Jerk night at Ting Irie

Head here on a Sunday for a portion of jerk chicken wings (pictured) and one bottle of hops.

→ Dhs99 (regular), Dhs139 (XL). Sun 5pm-2am. Ongoing. Souk Al Manzil, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Boulevard, Downtown Dubai (04 557 5601).

Ribs night at Nezesaussi Grill Dubai Marina

Tuck into a selection of ribs, plus two house beverages for Dhs149.

→ Dhs149. Wed 8pm-2am. Ongoing. Address Dubai Marina (04 888 3444).

Two can dine at Weslodge Saloon

Date night? Book this Canadian spot and you'll get a four-course meal, plus a glass of grape each.

→ Dhs300. Tue 6pm-2am. Ongoing. JW Marriott Marquis Hotel Dubai, Business Bay (04 560 1700).

Vietnamese family dinner at Lao

This is a full-on feast that's suitable for the whole gang.

→ Dhs290 (adults), Dhs99 (kids aged six-12). Daily 7pm-11pm. Ongoing. Waldorf Astoria Palm Jumeirah (04 818 2222).

RESTAURANT NEWS

What's launched this week



Burger & Lobster

Love a mini burger? Indulge in as many as you like on Monday October 22 for just Dhs59.

→ Dhs59. Oct 22 7pm-10pm. Burj Daman Building, DIFC (04 514 8838).



Fibber Magee's

Brits with homesickness (and hunger pangs) look no further – you can get crumpets for Dhs10.

→ Open daily from 8am. Saeed Tower One, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 332 2400).



The Eloquent Elephant

The super gastropub now has a swanky new al fresco terrace.

→ Open Sun-Wed 3pm-1am; Thu-Fri noon-2am; Sat noon-1am. Taj Dubai, Business Bay (04 438 3131).

Boardwalk

→ Open daily noon-midnight. Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club, Deira (04 295 6000).

IF YOU'RE IN Old Dubai this winter, don't even think about not visiting Boardwalk. It occupies one of the most idyllic spots in this part of town, on a platform jutting out into the Creek with views beyond.

It feels a world away from the bustle of the city. Kick back and take stock here, over some delicious Mediterranean fare.

From freshly baked pizzas and calzone to an extensive fresh fish and seafood selection set out to reflect markets of the Med, which you can pick and have made to your preference, there's something to suit everyone here.

We defy you not to go for the fresh fish in the seafood market. It's priced per portion or per 100g, with options including red snapper,

sea bass, clams, prawns, scallops, mussels and so much more to choose from.

There are plenty of light bites and antipasti to share, too. You'll really feel like you're whiling away a few hours in the Mediterranean here. The rolls of smoked salmon, filled with goat's cheese and fresh herbs, and served with a salsa, are refreshing, delicate and full of flavour. There are steaks, seafood skewers and fabulous fish and chips, as well.

Spend a lazy weekend here and enjoy every bite to eat. The pizzas are especially excellent, and well worth digging into after you've spent a day exploring the Creek.

Boardwalk is perfect if all you want after a hard week is to soak up some laid-back holiday vibes and let your mind drift away.



WHAT IS IT...

Our current Best Outdoor Restaurant

WHY GO...

For the views. And the epic pizzas

The Smokin'9

→ Open daily 11.30am-midnight. Cluster U, JLT (800 6464).

THERE ARE MANY things that are "mini" about the The Smokin'9 – from its petite location tucked away between towers in JLT, to the teeny wee burgers, down to its number actually being 800 MINI (how delightfully twee). Once you take a bite out of one of the sliders though, you'll find that the restaurant is big on taste, as the tag line "intense mini burgers" suggests.

While there are only nine tiny burgers to choose from (hence the name) – four with beef patties, three with chicken and two vegetarian – it's more than enough variety for a quick bite if you're in the neighbourhood.

Although once you find your favourite (hello, deep-fried mozzarella), you're likely to keep reordering – as it'll be demolished

in the blink of an eye. But with each mini burger coming in at Dhs20, you can get plenty of what you like without breaking the bank.

Delicately presented and (almost too) easy to dig into, some highlights include the beef Don Gonzola smothered with blue cheese sauce and fresh rocket, the Frenchie, (comté and sautéed mushrooms), along with the

Rocky chicken burger loaded high with aged cheddar, tangy onion relish and chipotle mayonnaise.

There are decent veggie options, too, including a quinoa patty version, as well as that aforementioned gorgeously gooey slab of mozzarella topped with sun-dried tomatoes.

Along with its affordable sides and trendy décor, this is a decent spot for a snack in JLT.

WHAT IS IT...

Teeny burger joint making teeny burgers

WHY GO...

Fun sliders are the order of the day

BRUNCH OF THE WEEK

Mucha Lucha Friday Brunch at Luchador

→ Dhs195 (soft drinks), Dhs295 (house drinks). Fri 1pm-4pm. Aloft Palm Jumeirah, Palm Jumeirah (04 247 5550).

MEXICAN-WRESTLING THEMED Luchador opened its doors at the new Aloft Palm Jumeirah earlier this year and promised flamboyance and flair by the piñata-load.

On arrival, the first thing you'll notice are the wall-to-wall Mexican wrestling masks, Aztec motifs and a range of decorations inspired from the region.

At one end stands a sizable wrestling ring, which doubles up as a stage for a lively Mexican band.

Turn to your left and you'll be faced with unobstructed views out across the Arabian Gulf, which can be enjoyed from a sprawling terrace during the winter months.

The restaurant is awash with colour and light from the floor-to-ceiling windows, and the hustle and bustle from packed tables only adds to the vibe.

So far we're triumphant, until the food arrives like a sucker punch to the face.

The only thing we expect to be wrestling at this Mexican brunch is tacos into our open mouths (and possibly with our waistbands).

The struggle, in fact, is to eat anything at all – and not through a lack of quantity. Plate after plate of deep fried fodder is delivered to the table, and taken away in much the same state it was presented.

The food arrives in four rounds. First up arrives a course of guacamole and chips with

a selection of ceviche swimming around the bottom of some glass tumblers.

Maybe we've been in Dubai too long, but we'd hoped for a bit of guac-prep at the table à la Loca. Instead it's dished out in a couple of shallow bowls along with ceviche that's all a bit watery and bland.

The next round is a variety of tacos. Sadly the variety ranges from limp, to dry, to tasteless – but collectively tragic.

By this point we're ready to tap out, but in the name of good sportsmanship we throw ourselves into the "authentic" selection of Mexican mains including quesadillas and braised lamb.

Everything appears to have been doused in breadcrumbs and plunged into a deep fat fryer, giving any oiled up wrestler a good run for their money, and so another course bites the dust.

Eventually it's the final round, and churros lathered in melted chocolate. It's excellent and we get stuck in, filling a massive gaping hole where our tacos should have been.

Despite the lamentable food, the rumble rages on, with brunchers donning wrestling masks and making good use of the props that have been left out on the

"Food that gives any oiled-up wrestler a run for their money"



tables for their enjoyment.

When the bell rings at 4pm we can safely say that Luchador has done little to defeat our hunger.

This is where we'd like to say that despite the shoddy food, the service was splendid – but that would be a lie.

We wait for what seems an age to get refills and have to reorder drinks on more than one occasion where it seems that the waiters have forgotten about us. There's also confusion



about what is and what isn't included in the drinks package, with staff coming across a bit bumbling and bewildered.

Despite that, the atmosphere is spot on and on previous occasions we've been impressed with the à la carte dinner menu.

With a few tweaks (i.e. completely different food) Luchador does have the potential to make a comeback, but when it comes to brunch, it seems as though it's punching well above its weight.

WHAT IS IT...

A Mexican brunch on the Palm, that can be paired with a staycation for extra-value

WHY GO...

If you're after fun, not food

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→ Dhs99 (soft drinks and two house beverages), half price (kids aged five-12) plus VAT. Noon-4pm. Millennium Airport Hotel, Garhoud (04 702 8888).

Bistro Des Arts There's a family-friendly French brunch at this Marina Bistro with crêpes, eggs and plenty of cheeses and pastries. → Dhs99 (including one hot drink, juices and water). Fri and Sat 10am-2pm. Dubai Marina Promenade (04 551 1576).

Brothaus Bakery-Bistro Social Fridays at Brothaus Bakery-Bistro are "where breakfast meets lunch", so says the team. You'll get traditional brekkie dishes as well as lunch choices including pan-seared salmon or baked käsepatzle. → Dhs75 (starters buffet), Dhs145 (starters, main and a soft drink), half price (kids aged six-12), free (kids under six). Dhs100 (four house beverages). Fri 10.30am-3pm. Steigenberger Hotel - Business Bay (04 369 0000).

C.taste International cuisine served from live cooking stations. With an orange theme. → Dhs90 (soft drinks), Dhs190 (house beverages), half price (kids aged six-12), free (kids under six). 1pm-4pm. Centro Barsha (04 704 0000).



Amwaj Rotana

Claypot This cheap and cheerful family-friendly brunch offers an authentic Indian buffet. → Dhs69 (soft drinks), Dhs109 (food and five house beverages), Dhs35 (kids aged six-12), free (kids under six). Noon-4pm. Citymax Hotels Bur Dubai (04 407 8000).

Lamesa An inexpensive family-friendly affair with a buffet selection of Asian

cooking, including Filipino dishes. → Dhs79 (unlimited soft drinks). Fri and Sat 11am-3pm. Asiana Hotel, Deira (04 608 2160).

Molecule A breakfasty brunch that starts off with eggs and excellent hash browns, and moves on to mains and desserts. Quiet, but excellent food. → Dhs95 (soft drinks),

Dhs195 (house beverages). Fri 3pm-7pm. d3, Downtown Dubai (052 949 2202).

The Daily If you're after a breakfast-style brunch, head straight to family-friendly restaurant The Daily at Rove Dubai Marina. There's a buffet packed with cereals, salads, sandwiches, cold cuts, cheeses and desserts, as well as a selection of smoothies and juices. You can then

choose a main course from the à la carte menu, as well as a cup of coffee.

→ Dhs99 (adults), Dhs49 (kids aged six-12), free (kids under six). 11am-3.30pm. Rove Dubai Marina, www.rovehotels.com (04 561 9000).

The Huddle Sports Bar & Grill The "International Friday Brunch" at this chilled out sports bar features cold cuts, salads, live cooking stations and desserts.

→ Dhs79 (soft drinks), Dhs149 (house beverages), Dhs199 (premium beverages). Noon-4pm. Citymax Hotels, Bur Dubai (04 407 8000); Citymax Hotel Al Barsha at the Mall (04 409 8000).

CHEAP AND CHEERFUL

(Dhs100-199)

Alloro The Festa Di Famiglia provides a generous family-style Friday brunch.

→ Dhs165 (soft drinks), Dhs219 (house beverages), Dhs289 (bubbly). 1pm-4pm.

Wyndham Dubai Marina Hotel (04 407 8872).

Amwaj Rotana The All Out Brunch features more than 100 dishes, live cooking stations, a family friendly vibe, a food truck from JB's Gastropub, food from Benihana and more. → Dhs199 (soft drinks), Dhs299 (house beverages). 12.30pm-4.30pm. Amwaj Rotana Jumeirah Beach, JBR (04 428 2000).

Andalucia Tapas & Grill Enjoy a full buffet of Spanish dishes, as well as house drinks at this Spanish fiesta in Jebel Ali.

→ Dhs165 (ladies), Dhs205 (men). Fri 1pm-4pm. Jebel Ali Recreation Club (04 882 3771).

Belgian Café (Barsha Heights) A Belgian feast with an à la carte main and buffet too.

→ Dhs165 (soft drinks), Dhs245 (selected beverages). Noon-4pm. Grand Millennium Dubai, Barsha Heights (04 429 9999).

Belgian Café (Madinat Jumeirah) A selection of the bar's dishes served to the



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table with Belgian hops.
→ Dhs199 (soft drinks),
Dhs350 (selected beverages),
Dhs120 (kids under 10 no
main course included). 1pm-
4pm. Souk Madinat Jumeirah,
Umm Suqeim (04 447 0227).

BICE The popular Italian
restaurant runs a "pasta e
basta" brunch, offering an
endless flow of pizza and
pasta, plus a buffet of starters
and traditional desserts.
→ Dhs145 (food only),
beverage packages available.
12.30pm-4pm. Hilton Dubai
Jumeirah, JBR (04 318 2520).

Bidi Bondi This laid-back
Palm Jumeirah favourite offers
a choice of burgers, salads or
sandwiches, plus drinks for
under Dhs150. Bargainous.
→ Dhs155 (one main and four
drinks), Dhs185 (premium
drinks). Sun-Sat noon-10pm.
Shoreline apartments 1-5,
Palm Jumeirah
(04 427 0515).

Breeze Beach Grill Enjoy a
buffet of house specials and
sea views.
→ Dhs195 (soft drinks),
Dhs395 (house beverages).
12.30pm-4pm Club Vista
Mare, Palm Jumeirah
(04 568 3000).

CLAW BBQ Dig into the "All
American brunch" at this crab
shack, with an in-house DJ
and games like hops pong.
→ Dhs199 (soft drinks),
Dhs299 (house beverages).
Noon-5pm. Souk Al Bahar,
Downtown Dubai
(04 432 2300).

Copper Dog A three-course
sharing brunch at this
Scottish pub.
→ From Dhs195. Noon-4pm.
DoubleTree by Hilton Dubai
– Jumeirah Beach, The Walk,
opposite JBR (04 559 5355).

Don Corleone This Italian-
themed brunch boasts live
cooking stations.
→ Dhs180 (soft drinks),
Dhs225 (house grape),
Dhs325 (house beverages).
Noon-4pm. Metropolitan Hotel
Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road
(04 523 8825).

Double Decker This brunch
at the Brit-style sports bar is
a longstanding one in Dubai.
Enjoy British pub classics and
watch the sport on TV.
→ Dhs169 (ladies), Dhs199
(gents) Fri noon-4pm. Roda Al
Murooj, Downtown Dubai
(04 321 1111).

Fumé The set menu means
you get to dig into a range
of dishes, all brought to your
table including pulled beef
burgers, buttermilk fried
chicken and mini éclairs.
Meanwhile your kids can
indulge in their own mini
brunch with a buffet for
Dhs30 per child.
→ Dhs199 (house beverages).
Fri noon-4pm. Pier 7, Dubai
Marina (04 421 5669).

Glasshouse Brasserie
Offers an à la carte menu
from the Hilton's chefs,
including roasts, eggs,
pancakes and more.
Dhs135 (soft drinks), Dhs222

(house beverages). 12.30pm-
4pm. Hilton Dubai Creek,
Deira (04 227 1111).

Hoi An An all-you-can-eat
offer featuring 50 Vietnamese
tapas-style dishes at this
Shangri-La location.
→ Dhs185 (food only),
Dhs205 (soft drinks), Dhs310
(house beverages). Fri-Sat
Noon-4pm. Shangri-La Hotel,
Sheikh Zayed Road
(04 405 2703).

Icon Bar & Lounge The
Big Ben Brunch at this
popular Media City pub offers
up a range of traditional
British grub. Dishes include
bangers and mash, Yorkshire
puddings, pies and desserts.
Plus, there's a resident DJ
spinning the tunes.
→ Dhs119 (soft drinks),
Dhs179 (house beverages).
Fri 1pm-4pm. Radisson Blu
Dubai Media City
(04 366 9186).

Intersect By Lexus An
à la carte brunch featuring
unlimited starters, one entrée
and unlimited desserts.
There's also live music.
→ Dhs195 (soft drinks),
Dhs295 (hops and grape),
Dhs495 (bubbly), Dhs95
(kids aged six-12). 1pm-4pm.
Gate Village 7, DIFC
(04 453 5490).

Jazz@PizzaExpress The
brunch offers an unlimited
Italian selection, including
pizza and pasta, but à la
carte and served at the table.
There is also live jazz music
and some dancing.
→ Dhs135 (soft drinks),
Dhs210 (house beverages).
Noon-4pm. Mövenpick Hotel
JLT, Cluster A, JLT
(04 441 6342).

Kenza A family-friendly
brunch with a dedicated kids'
corner.
→ Dhs149 (soft drinks), half
price (kids aged six-11), free
(kids under six). 1pm-4pm.
Ramada Downtown Dubai
(04 330 7330).

Legends A brunch of
starters and desserts from the
buffet along with à la carte

selections for mains.
→ Dhs195 (soft drinks),
Dhs295 (house beverages),
Dhs385 (sparkling grape),
Dhs75 (kids aged seven-12),
free (kids under seven).
Noon-3.30pm. Dubai Creek
Golf & Yacht Club, Deira
(04 295 6000).

Le Gourmet A food
selection from 11 kitchens at
this Friday brunch.
→ Dhs175 (soft drinks),
Dhs85 (kids aged six-12), free
(kids under six). 12.30pm-
3.30pm. Galeries Lafayette,
The Dubai Mall, Downtown
Dubai (04 339 9933).

Le Petit Belge JLT Dig
into sharing platters of classic
Belgian dishes including
mussels, Flemish beef stew
and waffle cones.
→ Dhs199 (soft drinks),
Dhs390 (house beverages),
Dhs450 (sparkling). 1pm-
4pm. Pullman Hotel Jumeirah
Lakes Towers, Cluster T, JLT
(04 242 7794).

Loca A Mexican fiesta.
Highlights include a "taco
takeover" and upbeat music.
→ Dhs165 (soft drinks),
Dhs285 (house beverages).
Noon-5pm. Dubai Marine
Beach Resort & Spa, Jumeirah
1 (04 346 1111).

Long's Bar You'll find an
international buffet selection
at this popular venue.
→ Dhs175 (soft drinks),
Dhs199 (house beverages),
Dhs269 (bubbly). Noon-4pm.
Towers Rotana, Sheikh Zayed
Road (04 312 2202).

Lucky Voice Grab the mic
and belt out a tune while
enjoying sharing plates at this
karaoke brunch.
→ Dhs195 (soft drinks),
Dhs295 (house beverages),
Dhs350 (sparkling grape).
1pm-4pm. Grand Millennium
Dubai, Barsha Heights
(800 58259).

Millennium Airport Hotel
The Double Munch Brunch
includes a buffet with dishes
from Loomi restaurant. There's
free pool access, too.
→ Dhs199 (soft drinks),

Dhs249 (house beverages).
Noon-4pm. Millennium
Airport Hotel, Garhoud
(04 702 8888).

**Moombai & Co Café &
Bar** The Parsi-style restaurant
hosts the Footprints of India
brunch every Friday. It's a
family-friendly offering with a
menu starring regional dishes
from across India. There's also
live music, drinks pong and a
special kids' area.
→ Dhs149 (soft drinks),
Dhs299 (house beverages),
Dhs349 (sparkling), free (kids
under 12). 12.30pm-4pm. The
H Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road
(04 501 8607).

Mr Miyagi's Asian
dishes at this quirky
Media City eatery.
→ Dhs190 (soft drinks),
Dhs299 (house beverages),
Dhs390 (sparkling). Fri 3pm-
6pm, 8pm-11pm. Ongoing.
Media One Hotel, Media City
(04 420 7489).

Nell Gwynne A budget
brunch alternative offering
English breakfasts, a roast of
the day and more.
→ Dhs125 (three house
beverages). Noon-4pm.
Marina Byblos Hotel, Dubai
Marina (04 448 8222).

Nelson's Features a live
carving station and huge
Yorkshire puddings.
→ Dhs155 (house beverages).
Noon-3.30pm. Media
Rotana, Barsha Heights
(04 435 0000).

Nezesaussi Grill Dig into
pub grub and play some bar
sports and arcade games
at this cheap and cheerful
Marina brunch.
→ Dhs199. Fri noon-4pm.
Address Dubai Marina
(04 436 7777).

Nezesaussi Grill
Downtown Dig in to tasty
dishes from New Zealand,
South Africa and Australia
at this cheap and cheerful
sports bar brunch in
Downtown Dubai.
→ Dhs125 (unlimited soft
beverages), Dhs75 (kids aged
seven-12), free (kids below

seven). Fri noon-4pm. Manzil
Downtown, Sheikh Mohammed
Bin Rashid Boulevard,
Downtown Dubai
(04 888 3444).

nosh Restaurant The
family-friendly Cartoon Brunch
has a special area with face
painting, movies and special
buffet for children, plus plenty
of live cooking stations
and desserts.
→ Dhs179 (soft drinks),
Dhs289 (house beverages),
half price (kids aged six to 12),
free (under six). Fri noon-4pm.
Mövenpick Hotel Jumeirah
Lakes Towers
(04 438 0000).

Original Wings & Rings
A lively brunch with all-you-
can-eat US fare.
→ Day brunch: Dhs139 (one
main course, one appetizer
and unlimited house drinks),
Dhs139 (hops and grapes),
Dhs149 (unlimited food
and soft drinks), Dhs249
(unlimited food and drinks);
Night brunch: Dhs189 (one
main course, one appetizer
and house drinks), Dhs249
(unlimited food and drinks).
Noon-4pm, 8pm-11pm.
Liberty House, DIFC
(04 359 6900).

Royal China Head to the
dim sum brunch, where
you'll get, you guessed it,
unlimited dim sum, every
Friday and Saturday.
→ Dhs188 (Chinese teas),
Dhs388 (house beverages),
Dhs488 (bubbly). Fri-Sat noon-
3.30pm. Precinct Building 4,
DIFC (04 354 5543).

Seasons Restaurant
Expect top quality grilled
meat, seafood and chicken
dishes at this laid-back
brunch in Pullman Dubai,
Jumeirah Lakes Towers.
→ Dhs119 (soft drinks)
Dhs209 (house drinks) Dhs79
(kids aged 6-12) free (kids
under six). 1pm-4pm. Pullman
Hotel Dubai, Jumeirah Lake
Towers, Cluster T (04 567
1159).

Shang Palace The Master
Yum Cha brunch includes
unlimited steamed, baked

and deep-fried dim sum,
noodles, stir-fried vegetables
and rice with your choice of
soup and dessert.
→ Dhs180 (soft drinks),
Dhs285 (house beverages).
Noon-4pm. Shangri-La Dubai,
Sheikh Zayed Road
(04 405 2703).

The Dubliner's The
Emerald City brunch at this
established Irish pub includes
an all-you-can-eat deal with
drinks add-ons.
→ Dhs109 (two soft drinks),
Dhs189 (five soft or house
drinks), Dhs79 (kids aged
six-12 with two soft drinks).
1pm-4pm. Le Méridien Dubai
Hotel & Conference Centre,
Garhoud (04 702 2508).

The Eloquent Elephant
The Jumbo Brunch at this
trendy gastropub offers à la
carte dishes and craft hops.
→ Dhs199 (soft drinks),
Dhs249 (house beverages).
12.30pm-4pm. Taj Dubai,
Business Bay (04 438 3131).

The Fish House This
seafood restaurant at Dubai
Festival City has a brunch
serving up plenty of fresh fish
as well as live entertainment.
→ Dhs190 (soft drinks),
Dhs290 (house beverages),
Dhs340 (bubbly). Fri
12.30pm-3.30pm.
InterContinental Dubai
Festival City (04 701 1127).

The Market Place The
Lazy Friday Brunch serves up
buckets of seafood, prime
cuts of grilled meat, live
kitchens and dessert buffet
→ Dhs179 (soft drinks),
Dhs309 (house beverages),
Dhs409 (sparkling). Fri
12.30pm-4pm. Marriott Hotel
Al Jaddaf (04 317 7777).

The Tap House Gastropub
grub with ocean views at Club
Vista Mare.
→ Dhs185 (soft drinks),
Dhs290 (unlimited house
beverages), Dhs365 (bubbly).
Noon-4pm. Club Vista Mare,
Palm Jumeirah
(04 514 3778).

Tr!beca Kitchen + Bar
A New York-inspired brunch
with a live DJ.
→ Dhs199 (soft drinks),
Dhs299 (house beverages),
Dhs399 (bubbly). 1pm-5pm,
7pm-11pm. JA Ocean View
Hotel, The Walk, JBR
(050 345 6067).

urban bar & kitchen A
buffet of salads, seafood
& BBQ grills, a whole spit-
roasted lamb, carving station,
desserts plus a live band.
→ Dhs149 (soft drinks),
Dhs249 (house beverages).
Noon-4pm. Mövenpick Hotel
Jumeirah Lakes Towers,
Cluster A, JLT (04 438 0000).

Vivaldi by Alfredo Russo
An indulgent buffet in Deira
that also feates pan Asian
and Italian dishes.
→ Dhs175 (soft drinks),
Dhs225 (house beverages),
Dhs275 (premium beverages),
Dhs99 (kids aged six-12),
free (kids under six). Free
pool access. 12.30pm-4pm.
Sheraton Dubai Creek Hotel &
Towers, Deira (04 207 1717).



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Fun-packed Venetian Fest coming to City Walk

Street Fest will see artists and performers take to the streets of City Walk

Summer is over, the humidity is fading away and we're back to being able to enjoy being outside again.

And as the city is buzzing, school has started and people have returned to Dubai after the summer break, it's prime time to kick off the winter season.

Time Out Dubai has partnered with City Walk to bring you Street Fest, an outdoor celebration like no other.

Enjoy the design-inspired setting of City Walk combined with Venetian themed artists, kids' activities, beautiful parades, Italian singers, fabulous costumes and more.

Every Thursday to Saturday from now until November 3, the streets of City Walk will be overtaken with dancers and performers for the Venetian Festival – and you'd do well to dig out your own fancy dress as there will be massive prizes given away for the best

costume on the final weekend of the fun-packed event.

Our *Time Out* bear, Elliott, will also be making an appearance on the final weekend of the festival to hand out spot prizes to impressive (and extra scary) Halloween costumes – so go wild with your creativity. Speaking of arts and crafts, there will be plenty on offer, with mask making sessions, a dress up corner and face painting at the kid's workshop (situated near N Bar).

And make sure you don't miss the extra special parades being laid on across the event. Taking place from Thursday to Saturday across the course of the festival, from 5.30pm until 9.30pm featuring up to 20 artists including singers, string trios, flag dancers, stilt walkers, unicyclists and more.

Alongside the Venetian street festival, there will also be host of fun activities throughout

the week. Live shows see the likes of Barney's World of Imagination taking to Mattel Play! Town from Saturday to Wednesday at noon, 4.30pm and 7pm, and on Thursday and Friday at noon, 4.30pm and 7.30pm. Bob's Building Club will also be arriving at City Walk from Saturday to Wednesday at 10.30am and 3pm and on Thursday and Friday at 10.30pm, 3pm and 9pm, while Welcome to Pontypandy will be entertaining little ones from Saturday to Sunday at 1.20pm and 6pm.

There's also a "Spook-tacular Dance Party" taking place on the Stage area in Mattel Play! Town on October 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27 from 5pm until 5.30pm when the area will be transformed with lights and spooky decorations so the kids can let loose as well as fun-filled family-friendly pumpkin hunt around Mattel Play! Town, as it does fall around Halloween afterall.

→ **Thu Oct 18-Sat Nov 3. City Walk, www.citywalk.ae.**

EVENING BRUNCHES

Cavalli Club Restaurant and Lounge A stylish brunch featuring some excellent cuisine served to the table.

→ Dhs299 (all inclusive). Sun 8.30pm-midnight. Fairmont Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road (050 991 0400).

Jazz@PizzaExpress The popular pizza joint in JLT is now offering up The Stage brunch on a Thursday evening. Expect live music, all your faves and an after party with DJ Andy Swift.

→ Dhs150 (soft drinks), Dhs225 (house beverages), Dhs250 (bubbly). Thu 8pm-11pm. Jazz@PizzaExpress, Cluster A, Jumeirah Lakes Towers (04 441 6342).

Kanpai Lounge & Restaurant Asian-inspired party brunch, stars unlimited sushi at this Japanese brunch.

→ Dhs299 (soft drinks), Dhs399 (house beverages). Fri 6pm-9pm. Souk Al Bahar, Downtown Dubai (04 441 9262).

Local Enjoy a Mexican fiesta with free-flowing food and drinks.

→ Dhs299. Thu 7pm-10pm. TRYP by Wyndham, Barsha Heights (04 247 6644).

Lucky Voice The karaoke bar has launched the "Jukebox Brunch" with group sing-a-longs and bar bites including pizzas, tacos and sliders.

→ Dhs275 (house beverages), Dhs325 (sparkling). Wed 8pm-11pm. Grand Millennium Dubai, Barsha Heights (800 58259).

Miss Tess There's a variety of quirky food stalls and pop up bars, where you can try out dishes from Korea, Thailand, China, Vietnam and Japan.

→ Dhs228 (soft drinks), Dhs288 (house beverages). Wed 8pm-11pm. Ongoing. Taj Dubai, Business Bay (050 650 4988).

Mr Miyagi's Love a bit of pad Thai and a spicy green curry with your karaoke? Mr Miyagi's is the spot for you.

→ Dhs290 (house beverages), Dhs390 (sparkling). Thu-Fri 8pm-11pm. Media One, Dubai Media City (04 420 7489).

Nara Pan Asian Enjoy unlimited dim sum, sushi and desserts as well as a choice of main course at this cool new Asian eatery in JLT. There's also a live DJ to keep the vibe upbeat.

→ Dhs349. Thu 8pm-11pm. Cluster A, JLT (04 421 1356).

Publique A sharing brunch with fondue and more. For a minimum of six people.

→ Dhs295-Dhs395. Daily 5pm-9pm. Souk Madinat Jumeirah, Umm Suqeim (04 430 8550).

Pure Sky Lounge & Dining Sharing plates are served directly to your table.

→ Dhs245 (soft drinks), Dhs395 (selected house beverages), Dhs425 (bubbly). Fri 6pm-9pm. Hilton Dubai Jumeirah Residences, The Walk, JBR (04 399 1111).

Q43 The popular Dubai Media venue offers a late Friday brunch deal, with à la carte, a buffet of main courses, and pool tables for entertainment.

→ Dhs269 (soft drinks), Dhs369 (house beverages). 7pm-10pm. Media One Hotel, Dubai Media City (04 443 5403).

Riviera Grill If you fancy a night brunch starring fresh seafood head to this JBR beachside grill.

→ Dhs250 (soft drinks), Dhs395 (house beverage), Dhs550 (bubbly). Fri 7pm-10pm. Rixos Premium Dubai, JBR (052 777 9473).

Sun&A A six-course tasting menu of Mediterranean cuisine with a live DJ.

→ Dhs295 (house beverages). Fri 5pm-8pm. Palm Views, Marina West, Palm Jumeirah (04 375 9333).

The Croft Brunch nation involves a variety of dishes from around the world including curries, fish and chips and salads.

→ Dhs399 (house beverages). Fri 7pm-10pm. Dubai Marriott Harbour Hotels & Suites, Dubai Marina (04 319 4000).

The Lion by Nick & Scott Enjoy traditional pub grub including scotch eggs, sausage rolls and fish and chips and more.

→ Dhs250 (two-hour package), Dhs350 (three-hour package). Thu 7pm-11pm; Fri noon-10pm. The H Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 359 2366).

Waka Dig into ceviches, maki rolls, spare ribs, quinoa and truffle risotto and more.

→ Dhs285 (soft drinks), Dhs375 (house beverages), Dhs550 (premium drinks). Fri 8pm-11.30pm. The Oberoi, Business Bay (054 455 4792).

Zero Gravity Get the weekend started with "The Social Club" with street food and drinks.

→ Dhs275 ladies (house beverages), Dhs325 men (house beverages). Thu 8pm-midnight. Sky Dive Dubai, King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Street (04 399 0009).

Waka Dig into ceviches, grills, maki rolls and more at this Peruvian hotspot in Business Bay.

→ Dhs180 (soft drinks), Dhs220 (hops and grape), Dhs320 (hops, grape and shorts), Dhs420 (sparkling). 1pm-5pm. The Oberoi Dubai, Business Bay (054 455 4792).

DUST OFF THE WALLET

(Dhs200-299)

A.O.C French Brasserie

Feast on dishes from land and sea, with meat and seafood and live cooking stations at this JBR spot.

→ Dhs259 (soft drinks), Dhs359 (house beverages), Dhs625 (house beverages and bubbly), half price (kids aged seven-12), free (kids under seven). 1pm-4pm. Sofitel Dubai Jumeirah Beach, The Walk, JBR (04 448 4733).

Al Dawaar Enjoy brunch at Dubai's only revolving restaurant.

→ Dhs229 (soft drinks), Dhs349 (house beverages), Dhs549 (bubbly). 12.30pm-4pm. Hyatt Regency Dubai, Deira (04 209 6887).

Anise There are eight live cooking stations and an international array of food.

→ Dhs240 (soft drinks), Dhs385 (house beverages), free (kids under 12). 1pm-4pm. InterContinental Dubai Festival City (04 701 1131).

Asia De Cuba This brunch offers up Chino Latino

food and live music.

→ Dhs245. Fri 12.30pm-4pm. The Westin Dubai Mina Seyahi Beach Resort & Marina (04 511 7333).

Atelier M The Feathers & Pearls brunch is based on 1920s Hollywood, serving up dishes to your table.

→ Dhs210++ (soft drinks), Dhs420++ (house beverages), Dhs630++ (bubbly). Fri 1pm-4pm. Pier 7, Dubai Marina (04 450 7766).

Bleu Blanc US Michelin-starred chef David Myers' new Comme ça Friday brunch promises a range of signature dishes brought to your table. Highlights include oxtail tartine, polenta croquettes, grilled king prawns, skirt steak and mac and cheese.

→ Dhs299 (soft drinks), Dhs399 (house drinks), Dhs650 (bubbly). 12.30pm-4pm. Renaissance Downtown Hotel, Business Bay (04 512 5533).

Boca Sharing plates are served to the table at this European restaurant showcasing Mediterranean flavours.

→ From Dhs258 (soft drinks), free (kids under eight). Fri-Sat 1pm-4pm. Gate Village 6, DIFC (04 323 1833).

Bombay Brasserie Enjoy a selection of signature dishes from this authentic Indian restaurant every Friday. Plus, you'll get stunning views of Burj Khalifa, too.

→ Dhs250 (soft drinks), Dhs395 (house beverages), Dhs545 (bubbly). 1pm-4pm. Taj Dubai, Business Bay (04 438 3100).

Bread Street Kitchen At Gordon Ramsay's restaurant you'll find a family-friendly brunch with stations set up for starters, while main courses and desserts can be ordered à la carte.

→ Dhs240 (soft drinks), Dhs355 (house beverages), Dhs105 per child (includes free entry to The Lost Chambers Aquarium). 12.30pm-4pm. Atlantis The Palm, Palm Jumeirah (04 426 2000).

Café Belge The Grand Brunch offers up 17 different stations including an oyster bar, moules station, barbecue, dim sum and roaming drinks trolleys.

There's also a dedicated kids room as well as live music. → Dhs295 (soft drinks), Dhs495 (sparkling and house beverages), Dhs595 (bubbly). Noon-4pm. The Ritz-Carlton, DIFC (04 372 2323).

Casa de Tapas This Spanish restaurant offers cold and hot tapas, cold cuts and cheese, plus paella and a traditional Spanish roast.

→ Dhs210 (soft drinks), Dhs260 (selected beverages), Dhs315 (bubbly). 12.30pm-4pm. Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club, Deira (04 416 1800).

Crab Market Enjoy a crab platter, a selection of signature dishes and a classic dessert trolley at Crab Market's seafood brunch.

→ Dhs250 (soft drinks), Dhs350 (house beverages), Dhs600 (bubbly). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Emirates Financial Towers, DIFC (04 564 5525).



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City Walk Street Fest

18 October - 3 November



Kick off the outdoor season with Venetian Street Parades, Stilt Walkers, Singers and Musicians whilst dining at your favourite restaurants. Kids can also decorate their own masks, dress up in costumes and have their pictures taken inside a gondola.

Thursday to Saturday from 5pm onwards.



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SATURDAY BRUNCHES

3in1 The “Saturdaze” brunch is an all-day lazy affair with pool access and buffet. → Dhs143 (soft drinks), Additional of Dhs25 (towels, pool is subject for availability). 11am-3pm. Vida Downtown Dubai, Downtown Dubai (04 888 3444).

Aji Try out this Saturday brunch and you'll get four hours of sushi, skewers, mains and desserts. Plus, stunning views out across the sea. → Dhs290 (soft drinks), Dhs465 (house beverages). Noon-4pm. Club Vista Mare, Palm Jumeirah (04 552 0244).

Café Belge The Retro brunch kicks off every Saturday with a sharing seafood platter, unlimited starters, mains and desserts, as well as juniper bar. → Dhs240 (soft drinks), Dhs345 (sparkling and house beverages), Dhs445 (bubbly). Noon-5pm. The Ritz-Carlton, DIFC (04 372 2323).

Graze Head to this chilled-out City Walk on a Saturday for a lazy lunch. The three-hour package involves meat, seafood and salads. → Dhs199 (soft drinks), Dhs299 (house beverages), Dhs399 (premium drinks). 1pm-6pm. La Ville Hotel & Suites, Autograph Collection, City Walk, Al Safa Street (04 403 3111).

LIQD Enjoy unlimited hot and cold tapas, plus free-flowing Spanish mixed drinks every Saturday. → Dhs199 (house beverages). Sat 2pm-6pm. TRYP by Wyndham, Barsha Heights (04 247 6644).

La Cantine du Faubourg A relaxed and elegant brunch at the chic restaurant with signature mains and desserts. → Dhs265 (soft drinks), Dhs400 (house beverages), Dhs550 (bubbly). Sat noon-4pm. Jumeirah Emirates Towers, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 352 7105).

Mazina The Pirates and Mermaids brunchafternoon promises “an afternoon of epic swashbuckling fun and deep-sea fun”. There are plenty of activities for everyone, including shows from Magic Phil and a bouncy castle. Plus there's a massive international buffet. → Dhs330 (soft drinks), Dhs460 (house beverages), Dhs622 (bubbly), free (kids under six). Address Dubai Marina (04 888 3444).

Nikki Beach Dubai This world-famous beach club hosts La Vie en Rose every Saturday, with a pink theme,

mixed drinks and a buffet with dishes including sushi. → Dhs265 (soft drinks), Dhs395 (grape and hops), Dhs465 (grape, hops and shorts). Sat 1pm-4pm. Pearl Jumeira (04 376 6162).

Nineteen This golf course restaurant serves up a roast dinner every Saturday from 12.30pm. Enjoy views of the championship course while enjoying dishes including roast lamb and even paella, as well as a range of desserts. → The Address, Montgomerie Dubai (04 390 5600).

Royal China Head to the dim sum brunch, where you'll get, you guessed it, unlimited dim sum, every Friday and Saturday. → Dhs188 (with Chinese tea), Dhs388 (house grape), Dh488 (bubbly). Fri-Sat, noon-3.30pm. Precinct Building 4, DIFC (04 354 5543).

Shang Palace The Master Yum Cha brunch includes unlimited steamed, baked and deep-fried dim sum, noodles, stir-fried vegetables and rice with your choice of soup and dessert. → Dhs180 (soft drinks), Dhs285 (house beverages). Noon-3.30pm. Shangri-La Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 405 2703).

The Red Lion This cavernous British pub just off Sheikh Zayed Road, is the reincarnation of one of Dubai's oldest pubs. Every Saturday from 1pm until 4pm you can get a full English or a pub grub roast dinner for just Dhs179, including four drinks. Don't be put off bringing the whole clan, either, this is a family-friendly offering. → Dhs179 (including four drinks). Sat 1pm-4pm. Metropolitan Hotel, Sheikh Zayed Road (056 522 6145).

Via Veneto This new lively Saturday family brunch includes dishes from the communal table such as breads, cheeses, fruit, cereals, salads and more. You'll also get a choice of main and a selection of desserts from the pastry trolley, plus a hot drink. → Dhs99 (adults), Dhs55 (kids under ten). Sat noon-3pm. Manzil Downtown, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Boulevard, Downtown Dubai (04 242 7882).

Zero Gravity Zero Gravity's Supernatural brunch provides poolside vibes, cool entertainment and a lively vibe. Be prepared to dance to the beats of the resident DJ. → Dhs249 (women), Dhs299 (men). Sat noon-5pm. Sky Dive Drop Zone, Dubai Marina (04 399 0009).

Downtown Toko The Garden Brunch features a carving station, dim sum, sushi and sashimi. → Dhs255 (soft drinks), Dhs395 (selected beverages). Noon-4pm. Vida Downtown Dubai, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Boulevard (04 442 8383).

Dunes Café The Fresh Fix at Dunes Café includes a variety of nutritious, wholesome and healthy dishes, from chia bowls to homemade granola, plus a variety of artisan food stalls. → Dhs235 (soft drinks), Dhs350 (house beverages). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Shangri-La Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 405 2703).

Dusit Thani Dubai All the hotel restaurants have pulled together to offer a variety of Thai, Chinese, English and Italian cuisine. → Dhs239 (soft drinks), Dhs315 (house beverages), Dhs365 (sparkling grape), Dhs495 (bubbly). 12.30pm-4pm. Sheikh Zayed Road (04 317 4515).

Dusty's Dubai A fun weekend brunch in DIFC. → Dhs299 (soft drinks), Dhs399 (house beverages), Dhs499 (bubbly). Noon-4pm. Al Fattan Currency House, DIFC (04 354 5435).

Eat & Meat The Hollywood-themed brunch has soul music and a buffet. → Dhs220 (soft drinks), Dhs445 (bubbly). 12.30pm-4pm. The H Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 501 8888).

El Sur A Spanish-inspired brunch with plenty of tapas and sharing desserts. → Dhs265 (soft drinks), Dhs395 (house beverages), 12.30pm-3.30pm. The Westin Dubai Mina Seyahi Beach Resort & Marina, King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Street (04 399 7700).

Flavours on Two International fare featuring fresh fish, sushi and live cooking stations at this family-friendly brunch. → Dhs219 (soft drinks), Dhs259 (house beverages), Dhs339 (premium). 12.30pm-4pm. Towers Rotana, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 343 8000).

Fogo de Chão Book into this DIFC churrascaria and you'll get a selection of meat cuts carved tableside, as well as a dessert table and signature drinks. → Dhs299 (soft drinks), Dhs439 (house beverages). Fri noon-4pm. Central Park Towers, DIFC (04 343 8867).

Fountain Restaurant The eatery offers a traditional buffet with a Asian twist. → Dhs209 (soft drinks), Dhs309 (house beverages), half price (kids aged 12 to 16), free (kids under 12). Noon-4pm. Mövenpick Hotel & Apartments Bur Dubai, Oud Metha (04 310 4320).

Girders Garden The “garden brunch” offers

casual English food at the buffet, with a laid-back, fun atmosphere. → Dhs249 (selected house beverages). 12.30pm-4.30pm. JA Ocean View Hotel, The Walk, JBR (04 814 5590).

Grand Grill Enjoy a Friday brunch at this South African steakhouse. The buffet includes mezze, grills and desserts. → Dhs225 (soft drinks), Dhs295 (house beverages). 12.30pm-4pm. Habtoor Grand, Autograph Collection, Dubai Marina (050 150 6870).

Hikina Head to this Polynesian spot and you'll get a buffet packed with noodles, salads, dim sum, spring rolls, curries and more. Plus for dessert there are steamed sweet buns, fried bananas and a green tea chocolate fountain. → Dhs245 (soft drinks), Dhs345 (house beverages), Dhs110 (kids aged four-12). 1pm-4pm. Lapita, Dubai Parks And Resorts, Jebel Ali (04 810 9421).

Hotel Cartagena Expect vibrant jungle décor and signature South American dishes. → Dhs295 (soft drinks), Dhs395 (house beverages). 1.30pm-4.30pm. JW Marriott Marquis Business Bay (04 560 1799).

JW Marriott Hotel Dubai Deira A family-friendly brunch is held across Bamboo Lagoon, Hofbrauhaus and The Market Place. → Dhs265 (soft drinks), Dhs395 (unlimited house beverages), Dhs60 (kids aged six-12), free (kids under six). 12.30pm-4pm. JW Marriott Hotel Dubai, Deira (04 607 7977).

Local The Tailgate brunch is a market-style offering with eight live cooking stations, ten drinks stations and live music. → Dhs229 (house beverages), Dhs399 (sparkling). 2pm-5pm. TRYP by Wyndham, Barsha Heights (04 247 6666).

Lock, Stock & Barrel This serves up all the favourites from wings to flatbreads. → Dhs269 (soft drinks), Dhs369 (house beverages). 1pm-4pm. Grand Millennium Dubai, Barsha Heights (04 514 9195). Rixos Premium Dubai, JBR (04 520 0049).

Marina Social Share & Social features a three-course sharing meal including dishes such as hand-chopped beef tartare and sourdough pizzas. → Dhs290 (soft drinks), Dhs435 (house beverages), Dhs485 (bubbly). 1pm-4pm. InterContinental Dubai Marina (04 446 6664). ★ Brunch.

McGettigan's Madinat Jumeirah Dig into a range of à la carte dishes, as well as roasts from a live carving stations and a buffet. There's also live music and a post-

brunch drinks package for Dhs210 from 5pm until 8pm. → Dhs235 (soft drinks), Dhs365 (house beverages), Dhs395 (sparkling and juniper-based drinks). Fri 12.30pm-4.30pm. Souk Madinat Jumeirah, Umm Suqeim (04 447 0219).

McGettigan's JLT You get a choice of dishes from the à la carte menu, as well as a live carving station. → Dhs229 (soft drinks), Dhs269 (house beverages), Dhs349 (sparkling). 1pm-6pm. Bonnington Jumeirah Lakes Towers (04 356 0560).

Miss Lily's A Caribbean party with a range of traditional jerk dishes alongside breakfast staples. Boasts an upbeat, party vibe so put on your dancing shoes. → Dhs250 (soft drinks), Dhs390 (house beverages). Fri noon-4pm. Sheraton Grand Hotel Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 354 4074).

Muchachas Mexican Cantina Tacos and Mexican mixed drinks at the Cantina's new brunch. → Dhs205 (soft drinks), Dhs310 (house beverages). 12.30pm-4pm. Holiday Inn Safa Park (04 327 5878).

Nara Pan Asian Enjoy unlimited dim sum, sushi and desserts as well as a choice of main course at this cool new Asian eatery in JLT. There's also a live DJ to keep the vibe upbeat. → Dhs299. Fri 1pm-4pm. Cluster A, JLT (04 421 1356).

Nineteen The relaunched golf club restaurant has a new “Friday Fiesta” with a Mediterranean menu. → Dhs290 (soft drinks), Dhs380 (house beverages). 12.30pm-3.30pm. Address Montgomerie, Emirates Hills (04 390 5600).

Prego's Dig into Italian classics with plenty of pizzas and pasta dishes at Prego's brunch. → Dhs209 (soft drinks), Dhs345 (house beverages and sparkling bubbly), Dhs105 (kids aged six-12), free (kids under six). Noon-3.30pm. Media Rotana, Barsha Heights (04 435 0000).

Publique The Alpine brunch serves up raclette, cold cuts and all the mountainside favourites in the après ski-themed brunch at Souk Madinat Jumeirah. → Dhs215 (soft drinks), Dhs295 (house beverages), Dhs345 (premium). Noon-3.30pm. Souk Madinat Jumeirah, Umm Suqeim (04 430 8550).

Ravioli & Co Nonna's lunch means unlimited pasta at this DIFC Italian joint. You'll also get bruschettas, fritto misto and soup – but the highlights are the ravioli, gnocci and tagliatelle. → Dhs257 (soft drinks), Dhs303 (house beverages). 12pm-4pm. Burj Daman Building, DIFC (04 241 1616).

Reform Social & Grill The Great British Road Trip Brunch features old school British classics like fish and chips and mini Yorkshire puddings. → Dhs250 (soft drinks), Dhs325 (house beverages), Dhs400 (sparkling grape). Noon-4pm; 7pm-10pm. The Lakes (04 454 2638).

Spice Island Guests can sample international cuisine served from six live cooking stations. → Dhs224 (soft drinks), Dhs292 (selected house beverages), Dhs350 (selected premium beverages). 12.30pm-4pm. Crowne Plaza Dubai, Deira (04 262 5555).

Talk & Soul An international feast across the two restaurants with a special kids' corner. → Dhs299 (soft drinks), Dhs399 (house beverages). 12.30pm-4pm. Mövenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach, The Walk, JBR (04 449 8888).

Thai Kitchen Dishes served to your table, prepared in open kitchens. → Dhs275 (soft drinks), Dhs375 (house beverages). 12.30pm-4pm (04 602 1814).

The Blacksmith Dig into this good value meat feast at Dubai Marina for carnivores. Don't miss the beef brisket. → Dhs299 (house beverages). Fri 1pm-3pm. Wyndham Dubai Marina (04 407 8873).

The Collective Enjoy a selection of Italian dishes at an extensive buffet. → Dhs249 (soft drinks), Dhs349 (house beverages), Dhs449 (premium). Fri

12.30pm-4pm. Grand Hyatt Dubai, Oud Metha (04 317 2222).

The Lion by Nick & Scott Enjoy traditional pub grub at this pub from popular chefs Nick Alvis and Scott Price. Dishes include scotch eggs, sausage rolls and fish and chips, curries and more. → Dhs250 (house beverages) extendable with additional Dhs100; Dhs350 (bubbly). Fri 2pm-midnight (three-hour package). The H Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 359 2366).

Ting Irie The Caribbean brunch stars jerk chicken and Jamaican patties. → Dhs205 (soft drinks), Dhs289 (house beverages). 12.30pm-4.30pm. Souk Al Manzil, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Boulevard (04 557 5601).

Waldorf Astoria Dubai Palm Jumeirah A "secret garden" concept focusing on fresh and seasonal ingredients. → Dhs290 (soft drinks), Dhs390 (house beverages), Dhs490 (sparkling grape). 1pm-4pm. East Crescent, Palm Jumeirah (04 818 2222).

Warehouse This longstanding Garhoud party brunch with a good selection of drinks and live DJ. → Dhs259 (house beverages). 1pm-4pm. Le Méridien Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre, Garhoud (04 702 2455).

West 14th Plenty of live cooking stations and kids activities at this family-friendly brunch.

→ Dhs260 (soft drinks), Dhs375 (house beverages). Free pool access. 1pm-4pm. Oceana Beach Club, Palm Jumeirah (04 447 7601).

JUST BEEN PAID

(Dhs300-399)

Accents A buffet selection of international cuisine features at this brunch. → Dhs317 (soft drinks), Dhs366 (house beverages), Dhs415 (sparkling grape). 1pm-4pm. InterContinental Dubai Marina (04 446 6669).

Aji Sushi, ceviche and nibbles are followed by a main each and a dessert platter to share at this Japanese/Peruvian Palm spot. → Dhs375 (soft drinks), Dhs495 (house beverages), Dhs660 (bubbly). Fri noon-4pm. Club Vista Mare, Palm Jumeirah (04 552 0244).

A La Turca There's a traditional buffet of international delicacies from around the globe. Plus there's live music, too. → Dhs315 (soft drinks), Dhs460 (house beverages), Dhs685 (bubbly), half price (kids aged six-12), free (kids under six). Fri-Sat 1pm-4pm. Rixos The Palm Dubai, Palm Jumeirah (04 457 5454).

Al Bahou Family-friendly Friday brunch, including kids' activities. → Dhs340 (soft drinks), Dhs445 (selected house beverages), Dhs630 (bubbly), Dhs170 (kids

aged seven-12), free (kids under six). 12.30pm-4pm. Mövenpick Ibn Battuta Gate, The Gardens (04 444 0000).

Al Maeda The Arabic restaurant offers hot and cold mezze, mixed grills, lamb ouzi and more. → Dhs314 (soft drinks), Dhs399 (house beverages). Packages include beach access. 12.30pm-4pm. DoubleTree by Hilton Dubai Jumeirah Beach, The Walk, JBR (055 166 8092).

Asia Asia Discover a wide range of well-presented, tasty dishes from across

the continent.

→ Dhs329 (soft drinks), Dhs449 (house beverages), Dhs549 (sparkling grape), Dhs699 (bubbly). 2pm-5pm. Pier 7, Dubai Marina (04 276 5900).

Babiole Dig into a selection of 20 different dishes at this upmarket restaurant on the 44th floor of the Hilton Dubai Al Habtoor City. → Dhs395 (house beverages). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Hilton Dubai Al Habtoor City (04 437 0077, 056 515 4665).

Brunswick. Eatery, Bar & Terrace "Charlie's Brunch" Involves a global ten-course

menu inspired by world travels at this trendy Mall eatery from the team behind Tom & Serg. → Dhs390 (house beverages). Noon-4pm. Sheraton Mall of the Emirates, Al Barsha (056 404 0685).

Café Nikki The Saint Tropez brunch aims to make you feel like you're on the Côte d'Azur. A holiday vibe with indoor and outdoor seating and sea views. → Dhs345 (soft drinks), Dhs435 (house beverages). 1pm-4pm. Pearl Jumeira (04 376 6000).

Candypants at Maiden Shanghai The Dim Sum Disco promises a party vibe, unlimited drinks, karaoke and top-notch Chinese dishes. → Dhs395. Fri 1pm-4pm. Ongoing. Maiden Shanghai, FIVE Palm Jumeirah Dubai, (04 455 9989).

Caravan The buffet brunch takes diners on a tour of London, with stations including "Pudding Lane". There is a live jazz band and activities for the kids, too. → Dhs395 (soft drinks), Dhs495 (house beverages), Dhs650 (premium beverages and bubbly). 1pm-4pm. The Ritz-Carlton Dubai, The Walk, JBR (04 318 6150).

Crescendo The "fork & cork" brunch serves an international selection that includes ouzi, noodles and drinks stations. → Dhs365 (soft drinks), Dhs525 (house beverages), Dhs630 (Italian sparkling), Dhs735 (bubbly). 1pm-4pm. Anantara Dubai The Palm Resort & Spa, Palm Jumeirah (04 567 8304).

Ewaan The 1,001 Flavours Brunch has a wide range of dishes in a palatial setting. → From Dhs345. 1pm-4.30pm. Palace Downtown Dubai, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Boulevard (04 428 7888).



The Blacksmith



Brunswick, Eatery, Bar & Terrace

Food

Feast Live cooking stations from around the world with chefs cooking up dishes to order, plus live music from Rita & The Rogues and a special "Little Explorer's Corner" for kids.

→ Dhs325 (soft drinks), Dhs425 (house beverages), Dhs595 (bubbly). Fri 1pm-4pm. Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 503 4444).

Gaucha An à la carte selection of meaty Argentinian mains, plus unlimited starters and desserts served to the table.

→ Dhs370 (soft drinks), Dhs460 (house beverages), Dhs570 (sparkling), Dhs690 (bubbly). Gate Village 5, DIFC (04 422 7898).

Giardino An international brunch at this swanky Versace hotel with pool access.

→ Dhs390 (soft drinks), Dhs570 (house beverages), Dhs720 (bubbly), Dhs195 (kids aged six-12). 1pm-4pm. Palazzo Versace Dubai, Culture Village (04 556 8888).

Great British Restaurant The Best Dressed Brunch at DUKES Dubai takes place in the grand GBR. There's a massive buffet to enjoy everything from roast dinners to fish and chips.

→ Dhs399 (house beverages). Fri 1pm-4pm. DUKES Dubai, Palm Jumeirah (04 455 1111).

Karma Kafé Brunch offers a choice of the restaurant's signature dishes, sushi and Japanese barbecue.

→ Dhs329 (soft drinks), Dhs449 (house beverages), Dhs549 (bubbly). 1pm-4pm. Souk Al Bahar, Downtown Dubai (04 423 0909).

Lima Dubai The Peruvian restaurant is offering up

a five-course menu of signature dishes.

→ Dhs375 (soft drinks), Dhs450 (house beverages). Noon-4pm. The Square, City Walk, Al Safa Street (056 500 4571).

Mazina A vibrant international buffet with plenty of live cooking stations.

→ Dhs330 (soft drinks), Dhs460 (house beverages), Dhs622 (sparkling), Dhs146 (kids aged six-11), free (kids under five). 12.30pm-3.30pm. Address Dubai Marina (04 888 3444).

Moana The seafood restaurant's Ocean Brunch includes king prawns, sea bass and soft shell crab on the stunning terrace. Pool and beach access is also included in the brunch deal.

→ Dhs370 (soft drinks), Dhs520 (house beverages), Dhs105 (kids aged six-11), free (kids under six). 12.30pm-3.30pm. Sofitel Dubai The Palm Resort & Spa, East Crescent, Palm Jumeirah (04 455 6677).

Morimoto Enjoy sushi, grills and more from famous chef Morimoto at his eponymous Dubai restaurant. The restaurant is a massive space and houses live kitchens and a sushi bar.

→ Dhs350 (soft drinks), Dhs499 (house beverages), Dhs650 (bubbly). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Renaissance Downtown Dubai, Business Ba (04 512 5577).

Nobu A brunch bursting with Nobu specialities, as well as a varied selection of beverages. Try dishes including sashimi and black cod at this swanky Palm location.

→ Dhs395 (soft drinks), Dhs586 (sparkling grape), Dhs650 (bubbly). Noon-4pm. Atlantis The Palm, Palm Jumeirah (04 426 2626).

Pierchic You get a generous seafood offering from this romantic restaurant.

→ Dhs395 (soft drinks), Dhs595 (selected beverages), Dhs750 (bubbly). 12.30pm-4pm. Jumeirah Al Qasr, Madinat Jumeirah, Umm Suqeim (04 432 3232).

Ramusake A sharing menu made up of sushi, starters, dim sum and mains, with donuts for dessert.

→ Dhs355 (house beverages). 1pm-4pm. DoubleTree by Hilton Dubai Jumeirah Beach, The Walk, JBR (04 559 5300).

Ruth's Chris Steak House Offers an à la carte selection of the steakhouse's signature dishes, such as filet Oscar-style and New York strip.

→ Dhs325 (soft drinks), Dhs495 (selected house beverages), Dhs595 (bubbly). 12.30pm-4pm, 7pm-10.30pm. Address Dubai Marina (04 454 9538).

Seagrill Bistro Fancy brunching on the Palm. This new adults-only brunch at Fairmont The Palm serves up seafood and more in a light, airy setting.

→ Dhs345 (soft drinks), Dhs495 (house beverages). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Fairmont The Palm, Palm Jumeirah (04 457 3457).

Sean Connolly at Dubai Opera If you haven't already

been to this excellent restaurant on the top floor of Dubai Opera, now is your perfect opportunity. Try out a range of dishes from Australian chef Sean Connolly and admire the views of the Dubai Fountain and Burj Khalifa while you're at it.

→ Dhs390 (soft drinks), Dhs550 (house beverages), Dhs690 (bubbly). Fri noon-4pm. Dubai Opera, Downtown Dubai (04 362 7312).

Seasonal Tastes The City Brunch at The Hilton Dubai Al Habtoor City boasts a full buffet with sushi, breakfast dishes, noodles, Peking duck, chaat and more, all from live cooking stations. There's also a special supervised kids' area with cooking classes.

→ Dhs300 (soft drinks), Dhs425 (house beverages). 1pm-4.30pm. The Hilton Dubai Al Habtoor City (04 435 5577).

STK Downtown The Dare to Brunch package at STK Downtown includes dishes such as burrata, oysters, spicy tamarind prawns, prime fillet, prime striploin, roasted salmon and chocolate mousse.

→ Dhs349 (soft drinks), Dhs499 (house beverages). Fri 1pm-4pm. Address Downtown (04 425 3948).

STK JBR The Walk Meat lovers will want to head to this Friday brunch at trendy JBR steakhouse STK. You'll enjoy burrata, oysters, tamarind-glazed prawns and beef tartare – before a choice of USDA prime fillet, striploin, roasted salmon or butternut squash penne. Plus there are plenty of places nearby for post brunch partying, too.

→ Dhs349 (soft drinks), Dhs499 (house beverages). 1pm-4pm and 8pm-11pm. Rixos Premium Dubai, JBR (04 323 0061).

Suq An international buffet including Middle Eastern, European and Asian dishes.

→ Dhs375 (soft drinks), Dhs530 (sparkling grape), Dhs730 (bubbly), Dhs130 (kids aged six-12). 1pm-4pm. Four Seasons Resort Dubai at Jumeirah Beach, Jumeirah Beach Road (04 270 7777).

Tesoro Party goes, don't miss the Hidden Brunch, which takes place every Friday across Tesoro and Treehouse. Expect Asian and International cuisine, pumping music and plenty of fun.

→ Dhs325 (soft drinks), Dhs375 (house beverages), Dhs425 (bubbly). 1pm-4pm. Taj Dubai, Business Bay (04 438 3100).

The Croft This brunch, inspired by cultures and tastes from across the Commonwealth nations, and it's promising a "massive" array of dishes served to the table.

→ Dhs399 (house beverages). Fri 7pm-10pm. Dubai Marriott Harbour Hotel & Suites, Dubai Marina (04 319 4000).

Toro & Ko The Barcelona-inspired tapas bar in City Walk hosts a Spanish-style brunch with a social table and paella.

→ Dhs325 (soft drinks), Dhs450 (house beverages), Dhs550 (bubbly). Noon-4pm. The Square, City Walk (04 590 5433).

Zoco The Ariba Ariba brunch is packed full of Latin American dishes, plus there's live music too.

→ Dhs375 (house beverages), Dhs440 (sparkling). 12.30pm-4pm. The Atrium, Al Habtoor City (04 437 0044).

SPLASHING OUT

(Dhs400+)

BiCE Mare Head here for some tasty sharing dishes, with a focus on seafood. There are also views of The Dubai Fountain from the terrace.

→ Dhs450 (soft drinks), Dhs495 (house beverages), Dhs595 (bubbly), Dhs650 (Ferrari brunch). Fri-Sat 12.30pm-4pm. Souk Al Bahar, Downtown Dubai (04 423 0982).

Brasserie 2.0 Cooking islands featuring seafood and an outdoor grill, plus a post-brunch party.

→ Dhs450 (soft drinks), Dhs595 (house beverages and sparkling), Dhs795 (bubbly), Dhs230 (kids aged five-12). 1.30pm-4.30pm. Le Royal Méridien Beach Resort & Spa, King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Street (04 316 5550).

COYA DUBAI Enjoy an exquisite brunch of Latin American favourites.

→ Dhs419 (soft drinks), Dhs619 (house beverages), Dhs709 (bubbly). 12.30pm-4pm. Four Seasons Resort Dubai at Jumeirah Beach, Jumeirah Beach Road, Jumeirah 2 (04 316 9600). ★ Brunch.

Garden The Wanderlust Brunch stars themed stations from Peruvian, Thai and Mediterranean cuisine.

→ Dhs425 (house beverages). 1pm-4pm. JW Marriott Marquis Dubai, Business Bay (04 414 0000).

Jumeirah Al Qasr A huge, popular brunch serving an array of dishes from live cooking stations. There's also live entertainment.

→ Dhs480 (soft drinks), Dhs577 (house beverages), Dhs674 (bubbly), free (kids under four). 12.30pm-4pm. Madinat Jumeirah, Umm Suqeim (04 432 3232).

Jumeirah Mina A'Salam Enjoy dishes from Hanaaya at this massive, famous and popular walk around brunch.

→ Dhs475 (soft drinks),

Dhs575 (house beverages), Dhs675 (bubbly), free (kids under 12). 12.30pm-4pm. Madinat Jumeirah, Umm Suqeim (04 366 6162).

Observatory Bar and Grill The Friday lunch includes à la carte and buffet dishes and amazing views.

→ Dhs450 (house beverages). 12.30pm-3.30pm. Dubai Marriott Harbour Hotel & Suites, Dubai Marina (04 319 4000).

Prime68 There's a James Bond themed brunch at the excellent steakhouse. Fantastic cuts of meat and brilliant views.

→ From Dhs495 (house beverages). 1pm-4pm. JW Marriott Marquis Dubai, Business Bay (04 414 3000).

Saffron More than 220 dishes are served at this Asian-themed party brunch, which also boasts drinks stations.

→ Dhs535 (selected house beverages). Over 21s only. 12.30pm-4pm. Atlantis The Palm, Palm Jumeirah (04 426 2626).

The Westin Dubai Mina Seyahi Beach Resort & Marina The "Bubbalicious" brunch has more than 100 types of cheese on offer, specialist charcuterie, a dessert room and plenty more

at this famous Dubai brunch.

→ Dhs420 (soft drinks), Dhs520 (sparkling), Dhs620 (bubbly), free (kids under 12). 1pm-4pm. King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Street (04 511 7139).

Traiteur The chic Creekside brunch is back, but this time at The Promenade.

→ Dhs495 (soft drinks), Dhs695 (sparkling grape), Dhs775 (bubbly), Dhs895 (premium bubbly). Fri 1pm-4.30pm. The Promenade, Park Hyatt Dubai, Deira (04 602 1234).

Yalumba This longstanding party brunch in Garhoud includes live cooking stations, a massive buffet and free-flowing bubbly.

→ Dhs529 (bubbly). 12.30pm-3.30pm. Le Méridien Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre, Garhoud (04 702 2455).

Zuma Time Out Dubai's Best Brunch 2018 is always packed, so book early. Enjoy a buffet of sushi, dim sum, robata and more, plus mains such as black cod.

→ Dhs473 (soft drinks), Dhs625 (house beverages), Dhs688 (bubbly), Dhs236 (kids aged four-12), free (kids under four) plus 10 percent DIFC fee. Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Gate Village 6, DIFC (04 425 5660). ★★ Brunch



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Q43

Cracking views and loads of pool tables



Boys' club

For a tip-top guys' night out, look no further, writes *Tim Skinner*

IKEMAN Aji

With ladies' night being a popular Dubai tradition, gents' nights are slowly gathering pace. While not every place in town offers up deals for those with Y-chromosomes, this Peruvian-Japanese spot offers two mixed drinks plus 20 percent off food every Wednesday evening for the men.

→ Free. Wed 8pm-midnight. Club Vista Mare, Palm Jumeirah (04 552 0244).

BEARDS & BONES Brunswick Eatery, Bar, Terrace

While not a night solely for gents, the Beards & Bones offering at this newly-renovated restaurant and bar at Mall of the Emirates puts together a decent deal for chaps every Wednesday. Head along from 8pm to get your hands on a steak, side dish, a dessert plus a glass of grape for just Dhs150.

→ Dhs150. Wed 8pm-2am. Sheraton Mall of the Emirates Hotel Dubai, Al Barsha (056 404 0685).

WOLFPACK Girders Garden

Another meat-based gents' night can be found in JBR – because apparently all blokes are famished carnivores. This charming terrace bar offers 30 percent off meat for gents, as well as two-for-one on selected drinks every Saturday from 4pm until 1am – great for catching the afternoon's footy, if we're going to continue following stereotypes.

→ Prices vary. Sat 4pm-1am. JA Ocean View Hotel, JBR (04 814 5599).

LADS' NIGHT AT THE DEN McGettigan's DWTC

While the generally laddy, blokey clichés can wear a bit thin (this one suggests the fellas need their own den to have a laugh), this is

McGettigan's DWTC
Free pool at the Den



a cracking deal. It's free pool all night in The Den at McGettigan's DWTC, plus buy one, get one free on selected drinks from the bar every Tuesday from 7pm until 11pm. Bargain.
→ Free. Tue 7pm-11pm. Dubai World Trade Centre, Sheikh Zayed Road (800 6247).

GENT'S NIGHT Nippon Bottle Co.

If you're after post-work drinks on Sheikh Zayed Road, this speakeasy-style bar serves up unlimited drinks for gents, every Wednesday from 9pm until midnight for under Dhs200. Not a bad deal, we'd say.
→ Dhs169. Wed 9pm-midnight. Dusit Thani Hotel Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 343 3333).

DON'T WAIT UP Q43

Missed the boat for free pool on Tuesday night? Head over to Media City where popular post-work hangout Q43 is offering chaps an hour of free pool every Wednesday, as well as a drink and a burger (or three dishes) for Dhs99. That's a tough deal to beat.
→ Dhs99. Wed 5pm-2am. Media One Hotel, Dubai Media City (04 443 5403).

Hunters Room & Grill

If you're looking for an upmarket night out with your mates, head to Hunters, where you can get 50 percent off your steak, or bottle of grape.
→ Prices vary. Tue 6pm-10.45pm. The Westin Dubai Mina Seyahi Beach Resort & Marina, Al Sufouh (04 511 7373).



The House Party Bar
'90s retro vibes

MADMEN MONDAY QWERTY

Few of the entries on this list, and for that matter, gents' nights around town in general, will offer free drinks to chaps at the start of each week (once you're over Sunday). Head along to Media One Hotel from 6pm until 8pm where you can get your hands on two free drinks, no catch. One bottle of hops and a short measure, totally free.
→ Free. Mon 6pm-8pm. Media One Hotel, Dubai Media City (04 427 1000).

WHACKY, TACKY TIE DAY The House Party Bar

Okay, we'll concede that this isn't necessarily a 100 percent, intentional gents' night. But, it does feature very cheap drinks for blokes every Wednesday, so we'll consider this one worth including. All you've got to do to get hold of happy hour prices all night, and buy one, get one free on draught hops is bust out your tackiest, whackiest old-school tie. That colourful parakeet one your gran gave you last Christmas? Give it an airing.
→ Prices vary. Wed 6pm-2am. Fairmont Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 332 5555).

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WHAT IS IT...

A stylish gastropub in the heart of Deira

WHY GO...

A busy ladies' night, decent grub and a classy vibe



BAR OF THE WEEK

Morgan's Gastropub

→ Open Sat-Wed noon-2am, Thu-Fri noon-3am. Al Bandar Arjaan by Rotana, Deira (04 704 2331).

WE LIKE THIS bar, it's as simple as that. Found in the northern end of town, in the bustling heart of Old Dubai, Morgan's Gastropub has opened up as the keen, younger sister to JB's Gastropub found in JBR – which itself is a bit of a favourite of ours, being shortlisted for Pub of the Year at this year's *Time Out Dubai* Music & Nightlife Awards.

We do wonder why Morgan's didn't extend the existing name (JB's 2.0 perhaps?) to confirm its identity to Dubai's pubgoers.

And on first impression, the bar seems almost like a cookie-cutter template of the JBR original (and its sibling Hamilton's in Abu Dhabi). As well as similar urban-style décor, you'll find the exact same (top-notch) pub grub menu and familiar laid-back vibes.

It's perhaps because of said copy-and-paste approach that Morgan's actually serves something of a niche by

being one of very few high-end gastropubs in this part of town, which appears to be very welcome, judging by the crowd.

And there are some decent deals to attract punters, too.

Morgan's happens to have the same ladies' night as its elder sibling, with four free drinks being offered to ladies on both Thursday night and Friday night from 8pm until 11pm.

It is for that precise reason that this bar starts to get busier – a lot busier – as the evening wears on, so head here early if you're looking to get a prime spot.

There's also a daily happy hour from 5pm until 8pm with selected house drinks including hops and mixed drinks from just Dhs25.

On our visit the vibe is pleasantly buzzing. We sit comfortably on our high stools, with patrons flocking to the bar with increasing velocity throughout the evening.

The DJ plays an eclectic mix of hits from yesteryear and yesterday, and you'll spend a large part of your evening naming that tune.

There's a range of mixed drinks, some impressive juniper variations, and a food menu crammed full of British pub classics – including that famous metre-long sausage.

That alone should be enough of a reason to draw you into this swanky gastropub but if not, the funky design, cool tunes and decent drinks deals will.

“The funky design, top grub and decent deals will draw you in”



folly by Nick & Scott

→ Open daily noon-11pm. Souk Madinat Jumeirah, Umm Suqeim (04 430 8535).

FANCY SUNDOWNERS LOOKING out across Arabesque architecture? With views of the Burj Al Arab Jumeirah? And a great happy hour to boot?

folly by Nick & Scott has the lot covered – and more besides. Set over multiple levels at Souk Madinat Jumeirah (filling the top level of what was once Rivington Grill), this bar and restaurant draws residents and tourists in their droves, thanks to its classy aesthetic, superb vistas and expert mixology.

All relaxed neutral shades and quirky ingredients, folly by Nick & Scott manages to be both understated and deeply trendy, with a bar bites menu to match (whatever you do, don't leave without trying the guinea fowl sausage rolls – seriously).

Among the many kitsch elements of one of the city's most established tourist destinations (Souk Madinat Jumeirah is themed around an old Arabian souk, after all), this upmarket spot stands out as a chic, gimmick-free place to while away a whole evening.

Staff are well-versed in the menu and offer suggestions

based on your likes and dislikes. If you can't find anything you fancy on the list, they'll mix something up that you do.

And there aren't many places of this top quality that you'll get a six-hour happy hour deal, either.

folly's offering runs from 3pm until 9pm every day, where you'll get a range of house drinks – including those famous folly pops – at discounted prices, starting from a wallet-friendly Dhs25.

This chic rooftop bar also makes for a wonderful spot for a pre-dinner drink, and you absolutely should dine here, too, especially as it boasts the title of being our Best European Restaurant 2018. And the chefs have recently introduced some new dishes to the menu to tempt you further.

Now that we're into October it's the ideal time to visit, and whether you're on holiday or just want to pretend you are, folly ticks all the boxes.

WHAT IS IT...

A classy restaurant bar from top chefs Nick Alvis and Scott Price

WHY GO...

For the stunning views across Souk Madinat Jumeirah (and the posh bar snacks)



THREE OF THE BEST

Midweek happy hours to get you to Thursday



Baar Bar

Now where in town can you find a happy hour offering drinks up for just Dhs10? At this Indian-themed gastropub in Bur Dubai, every Tuesday.

→ Dhs10. Tue 7pm-3am. Ongoing. Majestic Hotel Tower, Mankhool Street, Bur Dubai (04 501 2631).



Crab Market

Head along to this fun-loving bar and restaurant in DIFC after a long day of work and you'll be rewarded with a range of drinks for just Dhs20.

→ Dhs20. Sun-Thu 5pm-8pm. Emirates Financial Towers, DIFC (04 564 5525).



Healey's

Ten hours? Yes, head to JLT's Bonnington Hotel to make the most of a ten-hour happy hour. Get your hands on selected drinks from just Dhs25.

→ Dhs25. Daily noon-10pm. Bonnington Hotel, Cluster J, JLT (04 356 0000).

McGettigan's JLT

→ Open daily noon-3am. Bonnington Hotel, Cluster J, Jumeirah Lakes Towers

WHAT IS IT about Irish pubs making great sports bars? There are myriad reasons, but this popular haunt in Jumeirah Lakes Towers has it spot-on.

Highly Commended in the Best Sports Bar category at our 2018 Music & Nightlife Awards, this always-heaving spot from the global chain has so many screens you'll barely know where to look.

Generously sized TV screens line your every step at this bar, whether you're inside, loitering around the circular bar, playing a spot of pool, chilling out in The Baggot annex function room, down in the thick of it by the stage area, or sitting in the sprawling terrace/garden area, which now the weather is cooler is the perfect place to unwind with your pint.

It's great for kick-off (for Premier League fans), but

McGettigan's also excels in rugby and, rightly so, prioritises Irish sporting endeavours.

But it's not all about the sports. This friendly pub has a regular crowd that return for the warm vibe and the plethora of deals. Mondays mean a chilled-out ladies' night with four free drinks, while there's also a cracking happy hour every day from Saturday until Thursday from noon until 8pm where you'll get up to 40 percent off. You can't do much better.

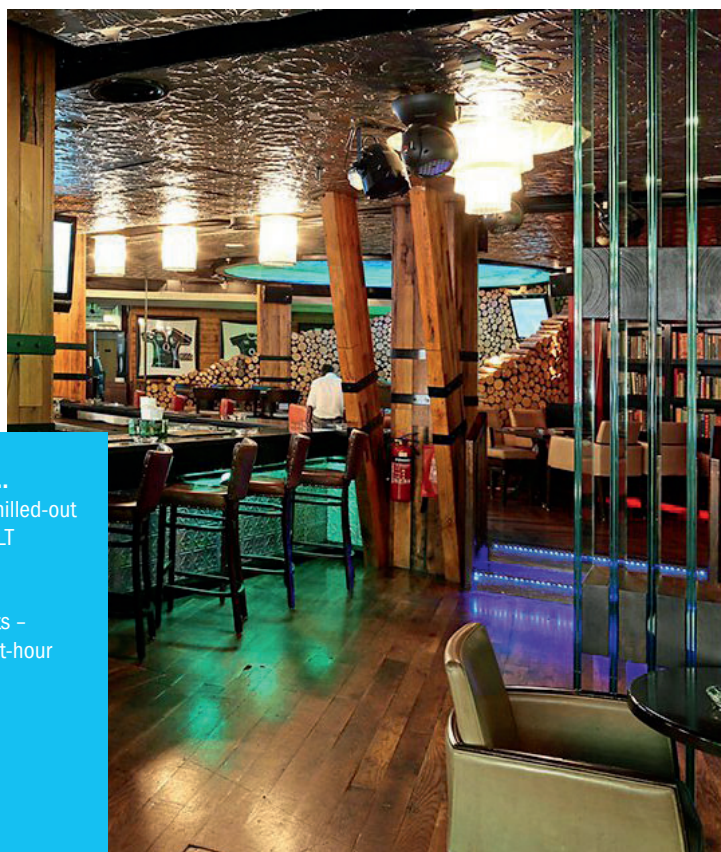
Add to that brunches and comedy nights (see below for this week's), there's a heap of reasons to keep coming back.

WHAT IS IT...

A popular, chilled-out Irish bar in JLT

WHY GO...

For the sports – and the eight-hour happy hour



TOP NIGHTS OUT

This week

G & Jazz

Fancy a classy way of letting loose midweek? Head to La Mer mixed drinks bar Masti, for live jazz and free drinks.

→ Free. Mon 8.30pm-11pm. Ongoing. La Mer, Jumeirah 1 (04 344 4384).

Lil Jon

This famous rapper, DJ and producer will be heading BASE this week to bash out hits like Get Low and Turn Down For What.

→ Thu Oct 18 10pm-4am. d3, Ras Al Khor Road (05 313 4999).

Mario Rosenstock

This award-winning Irish comedian and satirist is heading to The Baggot at McGettigan's JLT for a no-holds-barred night

→ From Dhs120. Fri Oct 19 8pm. Bonnington Hotel, Cluster J, JLT (04 356 0470).

Taj Express

Don't miss the end of this feel-good performance for all the family, about an aspiring musician and his path to success.

→ From Dhs200. Oct 16-20. Dubai Opera, Downtown Dubai, www.dubaiopera.com.

Totally Wired

One of our favourite pubs, Fibber Magee's, hosts Father Ted star Joe Rooney among others at a free comedy gig this week.

→ Free. Sun Oct 21 8pm. Saeed Tower One, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 332 2400).

Vengaboys

Are coming, and everybody's pumping, as the song goes. Expect Eurotrance feel-good tunes at Zero Gravity (pictured).

→ Free. Thu Oct 18 8pm-3am. Skydive Dubai Drop Zone, Dubai Marina (04 399 0009).



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PARTY BRUNCH

This week we're shaking it at...



Helter Skelter at Zero Gravity

→ Dhs275 (ladies), Dhs325 (gents). Thu 8pm-midnight. Skydive Dubai Drop Zone, Dubai Marina (04 399 0009).

WE LOVE BRUNCH, but we also love kicking back after a long week – so every Friday morning means facing a difficult conundrum. Stay in and have a long lie in? Or hot-foot it to one of Dubai's many brunches before you've even had a chance for breakfast?

Brunch is always a winner in our eyes, but the growing number of night brunches across the city means we're able to mix it up – which is perfect for the night owls of the city.

Zero Gravity's Helter Skelter shindig all kicks off at 8pm on Thursday evenings, meaning you can enjoy a much-needed duvet day on Friday (or you could double brunch it).

And now the weather is cooler, this is the ideal spot to kick off the weekend. Held

outdoors in an artificially lawned garden just beside the club's main stage, this is a super spot for a Thursday night al fresco party.

It's appropriately decorated like a funfair – complete with popcorn machines, jugglers on stilts and a squeaky voiced clown who we'd happily ship back to the circus.

There are also games of giant Jenga, hops pong and Connect 4 – which get a good deal of use from the lively crowd – as well as plenty of comfy bean bags to laze around on and rest your weary dancing feet.

The menu is snack-heavy (don't expect any great shakes or plated dishes), with a huge spread of canapés running along one side of the seating area.



There's a fun sushi station serving custom "burritos" made of rice, plus a huge selection of burgers which not only include beef, but also camel meat – how very on trend, and fairly unexpected.

There's also a predictable spread of bar snack classics featuring everything from dim sum to salads, although it's worth noting that there really aren't a whole lot of vegetarian-friendly options to be found here. It's not culinarily fantastic – but it's tasty enough to nibble on and will fill you up well.



WHAT IS IT...

Funfair-themed night brunch with custom drinks stations and plenty of party games

WHY GO...

There's no need to get up early on Friday morning, and you're sure to catch some huge acts from time to time



“The drinks menu is the star of the show (or should that be circus?)”

Disappointingly, during our visit it's deemed too hot for the cheese and grape station meaning we don't get to pick away at the promised selection of aged cheddar, brie and Parmesan, but our efficient waiter is quick to whisk out a board from the kitchen at our fromage-based pleas.

Of course, as with any party brunch it's more about the

entertainment and beverage menu, which are the stars of the show (or should it be circus?) here.

As well as an open bar, there are two stations offering lemonade-based mixed drinks, and another where brunchers can construct their own concoctions. There are dozens of garnishes ranging from blueberries to vanilla seeds

and cinnamon sticks – the whole experience is novel, and generous. If, like us, you're not an expert mixologist, however, this might mean you end up with a perfume rather than a drink, so choose wisely with your creations.

By midnight the crowd is boogying to the sounds of the DJ on the main stage – Zero Gravity also keeps the Helter Skelter area open for those with brunch wristbands, a welcome touch while dancing the night away.

Roll up, roll up – Helter Skelter has all the fun of the fair and we can't get enough.

LADIES' NIGHTS

20 to try this week



Treehouse

Treehouse is the type of place you should definitely take visitors to. The view from the rooftop terrace is out of this world and showcases the city from its very best angle. At sundown it's stunning, and when the buildings all light up it's pretty special, too. Drinks are usually pricy, as you'd expect for the views, so two free mixed drinks on ladies' night are not to be scoffed at.

→ Tue 7pm-2am. Taj Hotel, Business Bay
(04 438 3100).

WEDNESDAY

Copper Dog

Head to this Scottish gastropub for unlimited grape and mixed drinks on Wednesdays from 9pm. DJ Mickey MY takes to the decks and the usually laid-back bar fires up later into the night. Copper Dog feels as though it's been pulled straight from the Highlands, with a lovely relaxed vibe that's prone to get lively. A fun, casual ladies' night if you don't fancy getting dressed up.

→ Wed 9pm-1am.
DoubleTree by Hilton Dubai
– Jumeirah Beach, The
Walk, JBR (04 559 5355).

Grapeskin

Not only do ladies get two free glasses of house grape at Grapeskin on Wednesday nights, you'll also get a complimentary

cheeseboard with a few slivers of brie, cheddar, red Leicester and the like with a handful of crackers. The venue is busy with a well-heeled crowd

and the vibe is fun but still chilled with the post-work crowd letting their hair down. One of the best in the area.

→ Wed 8pm-10pm. La
Ville Hotel & Suites, City

Walk, Al Safa Street
(054 309 5948).

THURSDAY

Alta Badia

If you're looking for a free Thursday drink

in the Trade Centre area, then look no further. If you like pink grape, that is. If you don't, swerve this one as there are no alternatives, but if you do then you're in luck as you'll get as many glasses as you like, for free, from 6pm until 8pm. An ideal place for a pre-dinner drink, or for a well-earned post-work wind down.

→ Thu 6pm-8pm.
Jumeirah Emirates
Towers, Sheikh Zayed
Road (04 319 8771).

WHAT IS IT...

Grapeskin offers a complimentary cheeseboard

WHY GO...

Aforementioned cheese and two drinks



Gotha

This super-club that arrived this year via Cannes is a party hotspot for the glam. There are

eight elevated VIP areas, with 55 tables collectively and mega views out across the dancefloor, while the main bar, measuring a whopping 15 metres in length, sprawls across the ground level. Ladies can sip on unlimited free Russian drinks while appreciating the impressive space on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Arrive here dressed up and ready to party.
→ Wed, Thu, Fri 11pm-1am. Radisson Blu Dubai Waterfront, Business Bay (055 193 4934).

FRIDAY

Le Petite Belge Business Bay

The Business Bay branch of the Belgian Bar isn't as packed as its happening JLT sister, but the drinks deal is attractive nonetheless. Ladies get three free drinks from 4pm until 2am or you can pay Dhs100 for unlimited grape and mixed drinks. The vibe is laid-back and the food is good, so this may be one that picks up.
→ Fri 4pm-2am.

DoubleTree by Hilton Dubai - Business Bay (04 564 6538).

The Stables

This horse racing-themed pub tends to fill up post-brunch on Fridays, though the crowd aren't typically there for the ladies' night, which feels almost incidental. Don't get your hopes up for the drinks – they may be free-flowing, but there's a limited choice offered on rotation each week (and this place isn't known for its mixology).
→ Fri 5pm-10pm. Saeed

Tower One, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 342 5571).

SATURDAY

Candypants Ladies' Day Pool Party

Drink, dine and take a dip on the roof of FIVE Dubai Palm Jumeirah with a selection of packages every Saturday. For Dhs149 ladies get unlimited grape and frozen mixed drinks, for Dhs249 you'll get the same with a food platter thrown in and for Dhs349 you'll get all that and sparkling grape on top. Gents are welcome, too, though they'll have to fork out Dhs399 for the (pricier) sparkling grape and food platter package.
→ Sat noon-5pm at The Penthouse, FIVE Palm Jumeirah Dubai, Palm Jumeirah (04 455 9989).

Belgian Café, Grand Millennium Hotel

Another popular Belgian bar in the city, this one is laid-back and friendly, with a bustling jovial vibe. And you'll get three free drinks every Saturday from 9pm until 1am at the Grand Millennium Hotel branch of this popular bar.
→ Tues & Sat 9pm-1am.

Grand Millennium Hotel, Barsha Heights (04 423 4170).

SUNDAY

Coco Lounge

Coco has two different ladies' offers on a Sunday, so you're covered whether you're gallivanting at day or night. During the day ladies get complimentary pool access, unlimited mixed drinks and

selected dishes for Dhs35. On an evening, ladies get three complimentary free drinks. There are loads of sunbeds and loungers to sprawl out on, as well as plenty of big comfy seats by the pool if you just want to take in the summer vibes. Pop in after work one evening for a casual end to the working day on the sprawling terrace that adjoins the pool area. We recommend trying the pizza.
→ Sun noon-5pm or 5pm-10pm. Media One, Dubai Media City (04 427 1000).

MONDAY

Cavalli Club

For a glamorous ladies' night you can't go wrong with Cavalli. The cool club, from fashion designer Roberto Cavalli, is super-trendy and fun-loving. Drinks are unlimited – and free – and if you're after a meal then you'll get three courses for a bargain Dhs150 (think plenty of sushi etc). There's music from DJ Jack and the night gets livelier as the hour gets later. Put on your best dancing shoes.

→ Dhs150 (three courses). Mon 8.30pm-midnight. Fairmont Hotel, Shaikh Zayed Road (050 991 0400).

Maxx Music Bar

Although ladies' night is on a Monday at Maxx Music Bar in Barsha, you'd think it was the weekend because the crowd here really knows how to party. It's absolutely bouncing right through until the early hours, with the live band pumping out tunes ranging from Bob Marley's No Woman No Cry to I Gotta Feeling

by the Black Eyed Peas. It's a fairly small space and it's absolutely packed with an older crowd throwing shapes on the dancefloor. Meanwhile, the rest of the customers crowd around standing-room-only tables. And we're not surprised it's so busy, because Maxx Music Bar is a proper fun party hotspot.
→ Mon 7pm-midnight. Citymax Hotel, behind Mall of the Emirates (050 100 7046).

ZOCO

This Latin American bar and restaurant



STK JBR

You'll get three free drinks, plus two courses for Dhs199, or three courses for Dhs239 during ladies' night at STK JBR. A great deal, and a popular one, so make sure you book ahead – and get your glad rags on.

→ Tue 7pm-1am. Rixos Premium Dubai, The Walk, JBR (04 323 0061).

Music & Nightlife

is set in a long, narrowish space, with a cavernous, cellar-like feel thanks to the arched ceilings and exposed brick work. It's cool and stripped back, but the shape also means it gets fairly loud when busy, so be prepared to shout to your neighbour. On ladies' night women get three free drinks and 25 percent off food (such as tacos), which is nice enough, though we've definitely had better Mexican fare.

→ Mon 8pm-midnight. The Atrium, Al Habtoor City (04 437 0044).

TUESDAY

Al Hambra

Ladies get unlimited grape and tapas at this Spanish bar and restaurant in Al Qasr for Dhs200 on Tuesdays. Take your pick from a parade of colourful plates like zingy gazpacho or chorizo frito, calamari rings, king prawns, or the popular chicken and rabbit paella, and relax in the homely bustling tavern-style space while the good times roll.

→ Tue 6pm-11pm. Jumeirah Al Qasr, Umm Suqeim (04 432 3232).

Andreea's

This ladies' day by the pool offers a stunning beachfront location where you can munch on a mixed platter with selected light bites and enjoy unlimited frozen beverages for Dhs125. It's chilled and pristine, with a gorgeous pool area that's perfect for whiling the day away with your best friends.

→ Thu & Sat noon-6pm. Habtoor Grand Resort, Autograph Collection, Dubai Marina (04 454 2927).

BARBARY DELI + COCKTAIL CLUB

When you walk down the steps of its own entrance, it feels dramatic – it's dark with bright neon signs welcoming you in. Inside, the cool vibes are obvious. It feels retro, with a hint of Dubai bling. But it's New York-cool – the kind of place you'd expect to see hipsters in their droves. Ladies get unlimited grape and mixed drinks, too.

→ Tue 8pm-midnight. TRYP by Wyndham, Barsha Heights (04 247 6688).

BAR RUMBA

Tuesdays serve up free-flowing grape and bubbly to the ladies, plus don't miss the hotdog stand where you can grab a classic free NYC-style snack. Unusual for a Chino-Latino bar, but we're not complaining.

→ Tue 7pm-11pm. The Westin Dubai Mina Seyahi Beach Resort & Marina, King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Street (04 511 7333).

Fumé

From 8pm onwards ladies' get unlimited free drinks. The bar area is a little odd – being housed in a box within the restaurant, however the vibe is good, and the menu serves up some decent dishes. Make an evening out of it by combining it with some other Pier 7 venues.

→ Tue 8pm-11.30pm. Pier 7, Dubai Marina (04 421 5669).



Waka

Get two free drinks, or a set menu and unlimited drinks for Dhs150.

This Peruvian spot is a super-fun place for a party, as the bar often turns into a dancefloor later on in the evening. Food includes ceviche, maki rolls and grills.

→ Tue 8pm-midnight. Ongoing. The Oberoi Dubai, Business Bay (04 453 5283).

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HAPPY HOURS

22 daily treats to see you through the week

WEDNESDAY

Breeze Beach Grill

Coastal views, a supremely chilled-out vibe and one of those beach bars that just makes you feel like you're on your holibobs. Chuck in a daily deal offering five hops for Dhs140, or a bottle of grape for the same, plus two-for-one mixed drinks and you're on to a winner.

→ Daily 4pm-7pm.
Club Vista Mare, Palm Jumeirah (04 568 3000).

iKandy Ultralounge

Views of the Burj Khalifa, buy one, get one free drinks from 6pm until 8pm, plus some funky tunes being spun out from the bar's resident DJs. A top spot for a bit of preweekend action.

→ Sun-Wed 6pm-8pm.
Shangri-La Hotel Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 405 2703)

McGettigan's JBR

Head to the JBR incarnation of this top quality Irish haunt. Every day of the week you'll be able to get beverages from Dhs25, from 4pm until 8pm and until 9pm on Thursdays – to help you see in the weekend right. A DJ will be on the decks from 6pm every Friday, and a live band will be hitting the stage from

8pm every Thursday.
→ From Dhs25. Fri-Wed 4pm-8pm, Thu 4pm-9pm.
Hilton Dubai Jumeirah, JBR (04 318 2580).

THURSDAY

Crab Market

After a long day working in DIFC, make a beeline to this fun-loving bar and restaurant that's dishing up a range of drinks for just Dhs20 plus a whole host of light bites to boot.

→ Sun-Thu 5pm-8pm.
Emirates Financial Towers, DIFC (04 564 5525).

Trophy Room

This classy sports bar's offer runs from 5pm to 8pm every weekday, so head

along from Sunday to Thursday where you can get your hands on dishes and selected drinks with prices starting from just Dhs32. That's a perfect way to

see out the working day, plus there's sport on the tube to accompany your pint.
→ Sun-Thu 5pm-8pm.
North Tower, Emirates Financial Towers, DIFC (04 564 5525).

ubk
It's not so much a happy hour at this funky sports bar in JLT, as it is a happy day. All day everyday, you can head to ubk next door to

Jazz@PizzaExpress, and get your hands on selected drinks for just Dhs28, which makes it one of the cheapest pints you'll find around town. There are also



WHAT IS IT...
ubk (Urban Bar + Kitchen)

WHY GO...
Dhs28 drinks all day, every day



Stars 'N' Bars

A 160-inch HD screen stands proudly in the centre of this super-happening La Mer bar. Pour-your-own-pints plus live music and sport throughout the week. Head to Stars 'N' Bars every day between 5pm and 8pm, where you can get hold of two beverages for Dhs50, as well as an appetiser sampler platter for the same price.

→ Daily 5pm-8pm. La Mer North, Jumeirah 1 (04 349 9903).

tonnes of screens for sport and some pool tables if you can't sit still.

→ Daily noon-3am.

Mövenpick Hotel
Jumeirah Lakes Towers,
Cluster A, JLT
(04 438 0000).

FRIDAY

Andalucia

If you're in the mood for a light bite, a bit of a drink and some Latin flair, then look no further than this lively bar in Jebel Ali. Not only does it serve up a huge selection of tapas and other dishes, but you can get selected drinks or bites to eat for Dhs25 every day from 4pm until 8pm. There's also live music on regularly for a real fiesta vibe.

→ Daily 4pm-8pm. Jebel Ali Village, Jebel Ali
(04 488 3771).

folly by Nick & Scott

Cracking food – check. Award-winning views – check. Happy hour – check. It does feel like folly by Nick & Scott has everything, including a daily happy hour perfect for sundowners (we really mean perfect), from 4pm until 8pm. Get selected hops, grapes and house drinks from Dhs25-Dhs40, as well as the bar's famous follyPop mixed drink. See our review on p63.

→ Daily 4pm-8pm. Souk Madinat Jumeirah, Umm Suqeim (04 438 8535).

Q43

Lofty views, swanky décor, tonnes of pool tables and a daily happy hour running from 5pm to 8pm, serving up two-for-one on not only drinks, but also

on games of pool, too. We can't think of many better ways of seeing out a long day in the office.

The happy hour even runs at weekends so you can make the most of your Friday or Saturday evening.

→ Daily 5pm-8pm. Media One Hotel, Dubai Media City (04 443 5403).

SATURDAY

Le Petit Belge

It's one of the top bars in JLT, and has a brilliant happy hour offering 30 percent off practically every drink in the place. The new happy hour deal now includes premium draught hops and apples, as well as premium short drinks, grape and more. Every day from 4pm until 8pm.

→ Daily 4pm-8pm.
Pullman Jumeirah Lakes Towers Hotel & Residences, Cluster T, JLT (04 242 7794).

Lucky Voice

A fantastic happy hour befitting this truly epic, fun-loving behemoth of a karaoke bar that's simply one of the liveliest nights out in town. Get two-for-one on selected drinks if you're after a refreshment, and also on pizzas (with special deals for karaoke booths too).

→ Daily 5pm-8pm. Grand Millennium Dubai, Barsha Heights (800 58259).

SUNDAY

Barasti

Head to this truly epic beach bar (and one of Dubai's longest-running at that), where you can get 30 percent off selected drinks throughout the working week, all day

through until 9pm.

→ Sun-Thu 10am-9pm.
Le Méridien Mina Seyahi Beach Resort & Marina, Al Sufouh (04 318 1313).

The Balcony Bar

Buy one, get one free drinks are the order of the day at this long-standing, classy bar that calls itself "the perfect venue for chilling out completely". The deal runs from 6pm until 8pm during

the week, then until 10pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

→ Sun-Thu 6pm-8pm, Fri-Sat 6pm-10pm.
Shangri-La Hotel Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 405 2703)

The Underground

It's a daily happy hour for you to enjoy whenever you'd like at our Best Sports Bar 2018, but Sundays at this British-themed bar

are all about the footy. Get selected beverages from Dhs30, and set up camp in front of the telly for the afternoon's Premier League action. There's also some top-notch Brit grub on the menu that we suggest you get your hands on, too.
→ Daily 4pm-8pm. .
Habtoor Grand Resort – Autograph Collection, JBR (04 399 5000).



RIVA Beach Club

If you're after beach vibes, a cooling pool and a tiki hut-style outdoor bar, look no further. Make the most of the daily happy hour offer, with selected drinks available for as little as Dhs28. The views come included.

→ Daily 4pm-8pm. Shoreline 8, Palm Jumeirah (04 430 9466).



The Tap House

If you're looking for some specially-crafted hops (both something craft and something draught, really) then the daily happy hour at this specialist hops bar on the Palm should make it onto your list. Daily two-for-one discounts on loads of drinks as well as special discounts on selected items from the bar's extensive list of craft hops.

→ Daily 4pm-7pm. Club Vista Mare, Palm Jumeirah (04 514 3778).

MONDAY

Reform Social & Grill

One of the busiest pubs in the city, Reform's new happy runs seven hours a day, every day from noon until 7pm. Select drinks are available for Dhs33, and a range of specials on bottles of grape are available. We'd also recommend trying the classic Brit grub.

→ Daily noon-7pm.

The Lakes Club, The Lakes, Emirates Living (04 454 2638).

The Dubliner's

Head to this beautifully crafted Irish pub, with all the nooks and crannies, and you shall be rewarded with a daily happy hour that offers selected hops for just Dhs29 everyday from noon until 9pm.

→ Dhs29. Daily noon-9pm. Le Méridien Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre, Garhoud (04 702 2455).

TUESDAY

Ramusake

This Japanese-

themed bar (and former winner of our Best Ladies' Night award at the *Time Out Dubai* Music & Nightlife Awards), runs Tokyo Hour every Saturday to Tuesday, where you can get two-for-one on selected house beverages from 6pm until 8pm. This place can become heaving, so we'd recommend booking ahead to avoid disappointment.

→ Sat-Tue 6pm-8pm.

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Dubai – Jumeirah Beach, JBR (04 559 5300).

Soho Garden

Dubai's newest nightlife sensation has launched a daily happy hour, giving you an excuse to head out for some midweek sundowners at one of the city's most stylish bars. Every day from 5pm until 8pm, you can get a range of discounts on a happy hour menu, as well as half-price mixed drinks at this open-air venue.

→ Daily 5pm-8pm.

Meydan Racecourse, Nad Al Sheba (056 822 2559).

Ting Irie

Every day you can head to this super funky Jamaican street food bar and restaurant for Appi Hour, where there are select mixed drinks, grape or hops available for just Dhs30, as well as a range of signature dishes including the Jamaican beef patties, "Butta Corn" and a whole lot more. This place is a real cracker worth checking out.

→ Dhs30. Daily 5pm-8pm. Souk Al Manzil, Downtown Dubai (04 557 5601).



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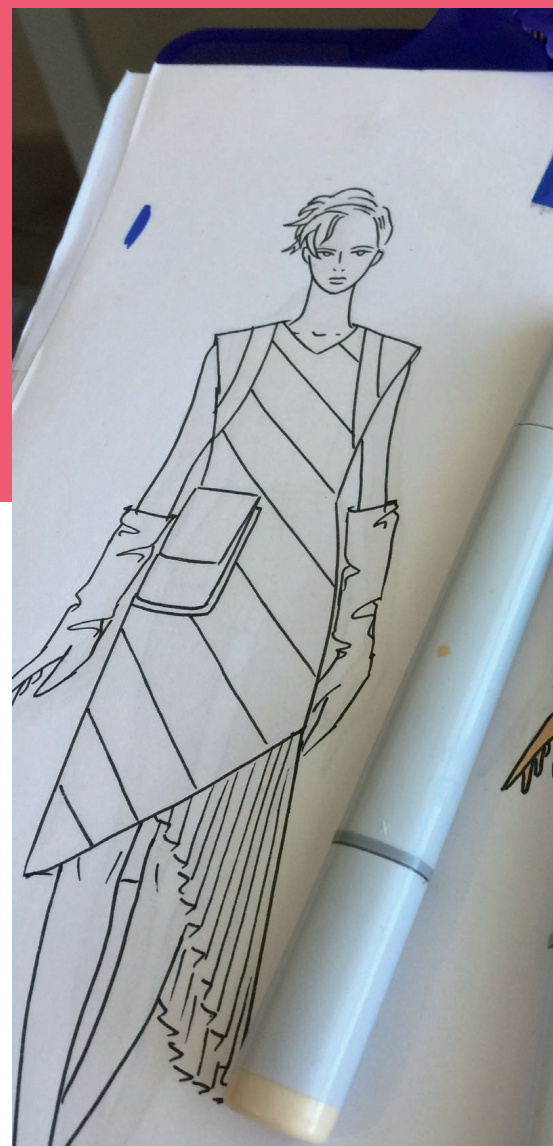
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FIVE CLASSES

TO TRY AT TASHKEEL

Brush with success

Want to expand your creative skillset? Here's what's happening at Dubai's Tashkeel arts centre this November



Drop in and Draw



1 Drop in and Draw: Portraiture

Drop in and Draw is an ongoing monthly art session for anyone in the creative field. Each meeting sees the group doodle and sketch together on a specific subject, with works then shared and supportive feedback shared within the community. Bring your favourite sketchbook and pencil.

→ Dhs30. Thu Nov 1, 6pm-8pm.

2 The Basics of Colour Theory

This three-day workshop focuses on the basics of colour theory, including rules of colour behaviour and tools to help you use colour to your advantage. Expect to get to grips with complementary and analogous colours, warm and cool tones, plus experiment with limited palettes and attempt to create still-life pieces.

→ Dhs1,523.81. Sat Nov 3, 10 & 17 (three-day workshop), 10am-5pm.

3 Fashion Design - Creative Process

Led by Hong Kong-born designer and ESMOD graduate Kay Li, who launched her eponymous label back in 2012, this workshop is an entry-level session on approaching creative fashion design. Expect to put together collages, experiment with fabrics, and leave the sessions with a small collection of skirts sketched out. Come prepared with a theme for your collection, and having done some visuals research.

→ Dhs225.75. Sat Nov 10, 10am-3pm.

4 Youth x Hub: Realistic Drawing

Prepare to get your hands dirty in this free class, which takes place at Jumeirah Emirates Towers' Youth x Hub. Artist Osama Khalaf will teach young, aspiring artists how to work with charcoal and pencil to create realistic images. He'll teach techniques



Fashion Design



The Basics of Colour Theory

for outlining, observation, and how to incorporate volume and depth.

→ Free. Sat Nov 17, 10am-1pm. Youth x Hub, Jumeirah Emirates Towers.

5 Arabic Poster Design

Perfect for aspiring graphic designers, or those looking to develop their skills, this hands-on workshop introduces participants to the design of expressive typographic posters, using both Arabic and Latin lettering, fonts and images, but principally Arabic script. Combining manual and digital techniques, a theme will be set for the day's work, which will focus around the basic principles of typographic design. Round up your friends and family – the workshop will end with a small, informal exhibition of the pieces created throughout the day.

→ Dhs550. Sat Nov 17, 2pm-8pm.

For more workshops, visit www.tashkeel.org.



Get into ceramics

At Yadaewi in Al Quoz, it's not all about vases – ceramics classes incorporate everything from dinnerware to animals. Trial classes start from just Dhs180, with four sessions Dhs650.

→ Yadaewi Ceramic Studio, Warehouse 30, Al Quoz, www.yadaewi.net.

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Film

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Halloween



IT WOULD SEEM a prerequisite, but the people rebooting *Halloween* – journeyman director David Gordon Green and his frequent collaborator, actor Danny McBride, a co-screenwriter – really love the original film (when Rob Zombie tried doing his remake in 2007, you weren't sure if he was enjoying himself or hating life).

Submitting to the new film, essentially a sequel that wipes out four decades of lesser cash-ins, is like driving a cushy Jaguar along familiar curves.

So much of John Carpenter's immaculate grammar is impossible to improve upon, so it's simply been redeployed, sometimes with a small twist, sometimes not.

Implacable masked killer Michael Myers still has a fondness for stiffly sitting up like a sprung jack-in-the-box; he still lurks in slatted

closets. What elevates *Halloween* beyond mere fan service is the presence of Jamie Lee Curtis, whose willowy Laurie Strode has been converted, Sarah Connor-style, into a shotgun-toting shut-in.

That's a great reason to return to the universe of *Halloween*: everyone's waving around a gun these days, and the idea that the survivor of the so-called "Babysitter Murders" would, 40 years later, become a militia-worthy nut with murderous instincts of her own has a sad symmetry to it.

Laurie tells us she's been waiting for the day that Michael would escape from the facility, so she can have her vengeance. But

we've been waiting for it, too.

It's hard to care much about a pair of pushy British podcasters or Laurie's resentful adult daughter (Judy Greer) and the mouthy millennials who function as Michael-bait. But how do you beat Carpenter's iconic synth score? You don't.

Some of the new music fits in beautifully: seesawing anti-lullabies that would have been at home among the analogue stingers of the original.

And when Michael wreaks havoc on a crowded suburban street full of trick-or-treating kids and parents on mobiles, some kind of horror rule is broken, deliciously. *Joshua Rothkopf*

WHAT IS IT...

An excellent revamp of an iconic horror film

WHY GO...

A fierce update with Jamie Lee Curtis

DIRECTOR

David Gordon Green (18TC)

RELEASE DATE

October 18

Hunter Killer

PREVIEW

IT'S STRANGE SEEING Gerard Butler and Gary Oldman join forces to star in a not very well known submarine movie from the minds behind *Fast and the Furious*, and we're not expecting much from it. *Hunter Killer* is yet another entry into the Razzie winner Gerard Butler-saves-the-president-and/or-the-world sub-genre.

The film is mostly set on a Hunter Killer, with Butler as Captain Joe Glass, an American submarine captain on a mission to rescue the Russian president who has been kidnapped by a rogue general in an untimely coup. This could turn out to be one to watch – but maybe wait for the DVD. *Darragh Murphy*

WHAT IS IT...

An action-thriller about saving the president

WHY GO...

Cheap thrills and underwater action

DIRECTOR

Donovan Marsh (18TC)

RELEASE DATE

October 18



White Fang

PREVIEW

WHAT IS IT...

An animated retelling of a timeless novel by Jack London

WHY GO...

For a touching coming-of-age story

DIRECTOR

Alexandre Espigares (18TC)

RELEASE DATE

October 18

FIRST PUBLISHED BACK in 1906, *White Fang* is the great American novel you will have most likely studied in school, so a big cheer will come from those looking to skip reading and watch this animated retelling. Well, kind of, as this iteration cuts down the violence seen in the novel and makes a few notable changes, meaning this isn't any shortcut. Starring Nick Offerman and Rashida Jones, Netflix's *White Fang* flips the "coming of age" story by following the life of a wild wolfdog being led by three distinctly different masters, and the lessons he learns in becoming the fully fledged white wolf he's been labelled. It still tells a timeless tale that's been revisited time and time again, and won't disappoint. *Darragh Murphy*

Serenity

PREVIEW

WHAT IS IT...

A tense mystery thriller with a very dark story

WHY GO...

Beautiful cinematography and foreboding build-up

DIRECTOR

Steven Knight (18TC)

RELEASE DATE

October 25

FROM THE CREATIVE mind of Oscar nominee Steven Knight, who's already given us stellar hits such as *Locke*, comes a daringly original and stylised thriller starring the talented Matthew McConaughey and Anne Hathaway. Baker Dill (McConaughey) is a fishing boat captain leading tours off a tranquil, tropical isle named Plymouth Island, but his quiet life is quickly turned around when his ex-wife Karen (Hathaway) tracks him down with a particularly dark favour to ask. She begs Dill to save her from her new, violent husband (Jason Clarke) by taking him out to sea on a fishing excursion, only to throw him to the sharks and leave him for dead. Yikes. Looks like a thrilling movie about morals, and an engaging one at that. *Darragh Murphy*

LAST CHANCE TO SEE

A SIMPLE FAVOUR

★★★★★

Anna Kendrick and Blake Lively spark up a blackly comic thriller about double-crossing frenemies, made by an unlikely director. While it's more drama rather than *Gone Girl* mystery, Lively beautifully plays a woman that's just as "perfect".

SMALLFOOT

★★★★★

News of "smallfoot" AKA human, throws the simple yeti community into an uproar over what else might be out there in the big world beyond their snowy village. It's an adorable animated flick that's perfect for the family to enjoy.

THE NUN

★★★★★

While it may add on a few more chills to the *Conjuring* universe, it inevitably fails at giving any memorable frights to keep you up at night. A popcorn horror flick that is better watched at a sleepover party.

VENOM

PREVIEW

Sony's latest attempt to somehow revamp its Marvel Universe has most of the ingredients to be brilliant. But with villains spouting strange quips about eating people and a predictable premise, we're not expecting much.

Staycations

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TOP PICK

JA Palm Tree Court

IF YOU THOUGHT the pristine private beach, three amazing pools and unbeatable views of the Arabian Gulf at this award-winning beachfront resort were enough, think again.

JA Palm Tree Court's family getaway package not only includes a buffet breakfast and dinner every day, but also complimentary tickets to one of the thrilling theme parks at Dubai Parks And Resorts – including the motiongate Dubai, Bollywood Parks, LEGOLAND Dubai for creative fun and even LEGOLAND Water Park for a splash-tastic time.

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→ From Dhs1,100 per room per night. Ongoing. Jebel Ali (04 814 5555).

WHAT IS IT...

A lush five-star beach resort just beyond bustling Dubai Marina

WHY GO...

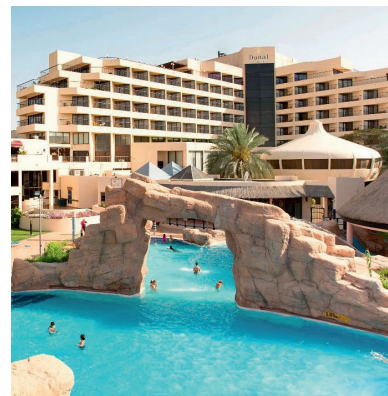
Sunbathing, unlimited eats and access to top Dubai attractions





THREE OF THE BEST

UAE hotel deals



Danat Al Ain Resort

This weekend the five-star Danat Al Ain Resort (pictured) invites families to take a break by its lengthy pools. That's not all, as they'll also be treated to a breakfast buffet for two adults and two children at any of the resort's dining venues.

→ From Dhs375. Until Mar 19, 2019. Al Ain, Abu Dhabi (03 704 6000).

JW Marriott Marquis Dubai

A staycation that focuses on your wellbeing, the JW Marriott Marquis Dubai includes an intriguing-sounding 30-minute Dead Sea immersion experience, followed by a relaxing 30-minute massage. To get in on the offer, all you have to do is punch in the promotional code SPA when booking your stay.

→ From Dhs790. Ongoing. Business Bay, Sheikh Zayed Road (04 414 0000).

Park Regis Boutique

For all the thrill-seekers out there, Park Regis Boutique is giving away a 30-minute jet ski tour for two around the stunning Burj Al Arab. As part of its special staycation package, guests will also get 15 percent off their room of choice.

→ Prices vary. Ongoing. Jumeirah Street, Umm Suqeim 2 (04 332 2277).

On the up

Actually fun fitness

Whether you're a muscle-flexing fan of *American Ninja Warrior* or spent your youth sniggering at the UK's *It's a Knockout* (YouTube it immediately), prep those bingo wings for Dubai's first-ever Inflatathon on November 23.

Moving house

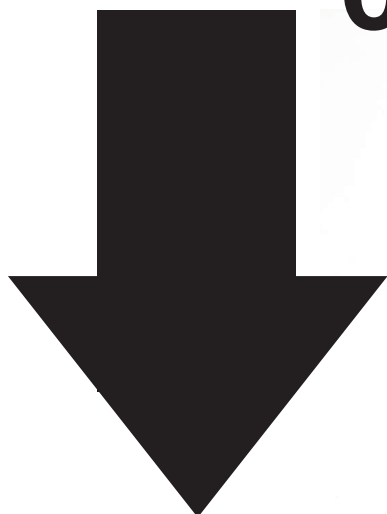
Rents across the city are more affordable than this time last year, so if you're up for renewal, it's time to strike a deal or say "sayonara" to your long-suffering landlord. (Yes, we know it took six months to get the dishwasher fixed, but did your cat really have to shred the fly screen?)

Unlimited eating

All-you-can-eat is nothing new, but out of nowhere Dubai is suddenly overrun with offers challenging you to bring about a coronary in a single sitting. Unlimited burgers for Dhs59? Oh, go on then.



On the out



Poorly named ladies' nights

We're all in favour of freebies, but names like Dollified, Lock, Stock & Lipstick and, ahem, Clam Jam, leave us frantically double-checking that it's actually 2018.

Change

Coins, any notes under Dhs100 – someone in Dubai is hoarding them all under a mattress. Much to the ire of the city's taxi drivers (and passengers).
Come on, own up...

Bars without happy hours

In the chasmous weeks between paydays, we're just one bad meeting away from licking the condensation off someone else's glass.





Yarr, join us from **21ST TILL 31ST OF OCTOBER** as we transform our Maison bar into a pirate destination. Enjoy our designated 'bar' with a **SPECIAL 'PIRATY' MENU!** We promise, time flies when you are having our specialty drinks! Ahoy.

THE CURSE OF STUDIO MAISON

Friday 26th October, 7pm - 11pm

Ahoy Matey, put on your pirate clothes for our **parrrrrty** into the seven seas and take a trip back in arghhhh.

Enjoy free flowing canapés & beverages for 269 AED from 7pm - 11pm arghhh.

PIRATES KIDS AFTERNOON

Saturday 27th October, 1pm - 5pm

Let your kids enjoy the afternoon as a pirate with loads of entertainment, together with a face painter, balloon artist and magician.

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